

## Town of Brimfield

Item: Book- Brimfield Parish Records

- Description - Large book covered in worn brown leather

Measurements 8" by 13" by 2"

This book contains the Records of Parish Warrants and Meeting beginning April 20<sup>th</sup> 1832 - 1839











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To Francis B. Stebbins, Esq. one of the Justices of the Peace within and for the county of Hampden,

We the Subscribers, members of the Parish or Congregational Society for Religious Worship in the town of Brimfield in said County, & legal voters of said Parish or Society, respectfully represent, that divers Inhabitants of said town who are not members of said society, have hitherto been displeased, because the parochial business of said Society, has in times past been conducted by said town at their public town-meetings, and the Parish tax assessed by the assessors of said town, so that in consequence of said complaints, there seems to be danger of disputes arising. Being desirous of promoting as much as possible the existence of harmony and good will among our citizens, we do therefore request you the said Justice to issue a warrant, directed to some suitable member of said Parish or Religious Society, requiring him to notify and warn all the members of said Society who are qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the Meeting-house in said town on Monday the thirtieth day of April instant at two of the clock in the afternoon, then & there to act on the following

## Articles viz

1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting
2. To see if said members will proceed to organize the Parish in the manner by law provided, so as to transact their business in future by Parish Meetings instead of by Town Meetings.
3. To choose all such Parish Officers as Parishes are by law authorized to choose at their annual meetings
- 4<sup>th</sup> To direct in what manner Parish meetings, shall hereafter be warned, & where the same shall be held
- 5<sup>th</sup> To direct at what time in March or April of each succeeding year the annual meeting for the choice of Parish officers shall be held.
- 6<sup>th</sup> To raise such sums of money as the Parish shall think proper for incidental expenses for the year ensuing.

Dated at Brimfield this twentieth day of April A.D. 1832.

Jesse Hitchcock  
Aaron Bliss  
Josiah Hayward  
Samuel Patrick  
Gauthin Brown  
Simcon Hubbard  
Solomon Hoar  
Solomon Homer

Alvin Janes  
William Brown  
Philemon Warren  
Simus Hoar  
Eben<sup>r</sup> Knight  
Oliver Blair  
Lemuel Lumbard

A true copy attest

Francis B. Stebbins Parish Clerk



# Warrant for Parish Meeting. April 1832

Hampden ss. To Cyril R. Brown, a member of the Parish  
or Congregational Society for Religious worship in the  
**L.S.** town of Brimfield in said county and Constable  
of said town, ----- Greeting.

Whereas Ten or more of the legal voters of said Congrega-  
tional Society or Parish in said Town of Brimfield have made  
application in writing to me Francis B. Stebbins Esq one of  
the Justices of the peace within & for the said county of Hamp-  
den to issue a warrant for calling a meeting of the members of said  
Society to act upon the articles hereinafter mentioned: You are there-  
fore hereby required in the name of said Commonwealth to  
notify and warn all the Members of said Parish or Congregational  
Society who are qualified by law to vote in town affairs  
to assemble at the meeting house in said Brimfield on  
Monday the thirtieth day of April inst. at Two of the clock in the  
afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles

1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
2. To see if said Members will proceed to organize the Parish  
in the manner by law provided so as to transact their business  
in future by Parish Meetings instead of by town meetings
3. To choose all such Parish officers as Parishes are by law  
authorized to choose at their annual meetings
4. To direct in what manner Parish meetings shall hereafter be  
warned, & where the same shall be held.
5. To direct at what time in March or April of each succeeding year  
the annual Meetings for the choice of Parish Officers shall be held.
6. To raise such sums of money as the Parish shall think proper for  
incidental expenses for the year ensuing.

Hereof fail not but make due return of this warrant  
at the time & place of holding said Meeting

Given under my hand and seal this twenty third day  
of April in the year of our Lord 1832

Francis B. Stebbins.

Justice of the peace

Hampden ss. Brimfield April 23. 1832

I have made service of the within warrant by  
posting up an attested copy of the same at the meeting  
house Seven days before the time of holding said  
meeting

Cyril R. Brown

A true copy of the warrant & the return thereon

Attest Francis B. Stebbins. Parish Clerk



Parish-meeting April 30. 1832

At a legal meeting of the members of the Congregational Society or First Parish in Brimfield held in pursuance of the foregoing warrant April 30<sup>th</sup> 1832

Mr. Ebenezer Williams was chosen Moderator.  
Voted to proceed to organize the Parish in the manner by law provided so as to transact all the business of this Parish in future by Parish Meetings

Francis B. Stebbins was chosen Clerk & sworn  
before Lewis Williams Esq

Marquis Converse was chosen Treasurer and  
Cyril R. Brown Collector for the year ensuing;

John Newton  
Abraham Charles & } were chosen Parish Assessors; &  
Seth Dunham

Col. Solomon Hoar  
Lewis Williams & } were chosen the Prudential Com-  
Julius Burt } mittee of said Parish for  
the ensuing year

Voted that Parish Meetings be hereafter warned by posting up a copy of the warrant on the meeting house, seven days at least previous to the time of holding the meeting

Voted to hold the meetings in the meeting house

Voted, that the annual meeting of said Parish be held on the third Monday of April in each succeeding year

Voted, that the Clerk be requested to procure a book for Records. Meeting dissolved, Francis B. Stebbins  
Parish Clerk

Warrant for Parish Meeting 1833. April

To the Collector of the First Parish or Congregational Society for Religious Worship in Brimfield, Greeting.

L.S. You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn all the members of said Parish or Congregational Society in said town of Brimfield, who are qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in said Brimfield on Monday the Fifteenth day of April instant at One o'clock in the afternoon then & there to act on the following articles viz.

1. To choose a Moderator.
2. To choose Parish officers for the year ensuing
3. To raise money for the Rev<sup>d</sup> Jos. Vail's salary.



Warrant      Continued      April 1833

4. To raise money to defray the expense of assessing and collecting parish taxes & for fuel and other contingent charges.
  5. To see if the Parish will raise money for the support of Sacred Music.
  6. To see what compensation the Parish will allow their assessors, Collector, & other Parish Officers.
- Hereby fail not, but make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Parish Clerk at the time & place of said meeting.

Given under our hands & seal at Brimfield this fifth day of April. A.D. 1833

Solomon Hoar }  
Lewis Williams } Prudential  
Julius Burt } Committee

Hampden Co. April 8. 1833. I have made service of this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the meeting-house, eight days before the time of holding the said meeting.

C. R. Brown, collector

A true copy of the warrant & return.

Francis B. Stebbins. Parish Clerk

Parish Meeting April 15<sup>th</sup> 1833

At a legal meeting of the members of the First Parish or Congregational Society for Religious Worship in Brimfield held at the meeting-house April 15<sup>th</sup> 1833

Dr. Ebenezer Knight was chosen Moderator

Francis B. Stebbins was chosen Parish Clerk (and sworn before Lewis Williams Esq.)

Col. Solomon Hoar

Julius Burt & } were chosen a Prudential Committee  
Marquis Converse }

voted to choose three assessors

Julius Burt

Ebenezer Fairbanks } were chosen assessors  
Darius Shaw }

Dr. Ebenezer Knight was chosen Treasurer

Voted to choose a Committee to advise together & report on the best method of choosing a collector. Samuel Tarbell, Dauphin Brown, & Jacob Bishop were chosen for said Committee who reported that Mr. Ephraim Wenton offers to collect the Parish tax this year for \$6.00 & advised that he be chosen. Ephraim Wenton was then chosen Parish Collector.

Voted to accept James Wenton & Harvey Wenton as his Bondsmen



## April Meeting continued 1833

Voted to raise the sum of \$550 for the Rev. Jos. Vail's salary

Voted that that sum be collected and paid in to the Parish Treasurer, by the First of February next

Voted to raise the sum of Fifty Dollars for contingent expenses

Voted to pass over the Fifth Article in the warrant

Voted to pay the assessors at the rate of One Dollar per day for their services

Meeting dissolved,

Francis B. Stebbins  
Parish Clerk

## Warrant for April Meeting 1834

To the collector of the First Parish or Congregational Society for Religious Worship in the Town of Brimfield Greeting,

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn all the members of said Parish or Congregational Society in said Town of Brimfield who are qualified by Law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in said Brimfield on Monday the Twenty-first day of April instant at One of the Clock in the after noon then & there to act on the following Articles viz.

1. To choose a Moderator to regulate said meeting.
2. To choose Parish Officers for the year ensuing
3. To raise money for the Rev. Jos. Vail's Salary.
4. To raise money for Contingent expenses.
5. To see whether the Parish will give their consent to have the meeting house occupied for Religious Worship by other Denominations of Christians.

Hereof fail not but make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Parish Clerk at or before the time of said meeting

Given under our hands & seal at Brimfield this ninth day of April. A.D. 1834

Solomon Hoar } Prudential  
Marquis Crouse } Committee  
Julius Durt }

Hampden J. This certifies that I have served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy as directed. Brimfield April 14. 1834

Ephraim Fenton. Constable

A true copy of the warrant & Collector's Return

attest F. B. Stebbins. Parish Clerk



# April Meeting 1834

At a legal meeting of the members of the First Parish or Congregational Society for Religious Worship in Brimfield, held in pursuance of the foregoing warrant at the Meeting-house. Monday April 21<sup>st</sup> A.D. 1834

Hon. John Wyles was chosen Moderator  
Francis B. Stebbins was chosen clerk & sworn before  
Lewis Williams Esq

Marquis Converse }  
Ebenezer Knight } were chosen Prudential  
Oliver Blair } Committee

Cyril R. Brown }  
Eben. Fairbanks } were chosen Assessors  
Darius Shaw }

James Brown was chosen Treasurer

Voted to raise \$550. for the Rev. Joseph Vaill's  
Salary for the ensuing year.

Voted to raise Thirty Dollars for contingent charges

Voted to put up the collection of taxes to the  
lowest bidder.

Cyril R. Brown was the lowest bidder at \$5.00  
and was chosen collector

Voted that \$550 be collected and paid to the  
Treasurer before the 1<sup>st</sup> of February next.

Voted to leave the subject of the Fifth Article to the  
discretion of the Prudential Committee.

Voted to choose a Committee of One from each  
School District to circulate subscription papers for the  
purpose of raising by Subscription a sum sufficient for  
the salary of the Rev. Jos. Vaill & for incidental ex-  
penses of the Parish.

Marquis Converse & others were chosen

Voted to accept Oliver Blair & James Brown as sureties  
for the Collector

Voted to dissolve the Meeting

Attest Francis B. Stebbins  
Parish Clerk



# Sept. Meeting 1834.

## Warrant.

L.S

To the Collector of the First Parish or Congregational Society for Religious Worship in the town of Brimfield

Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of this Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn all the members of said Parish or Congregational Society in said Town of Brimfield who are qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in said Brimfield on Saturday the thirteenth instant at One o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles viz

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to regulate said meeting.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> To hear a communication from the Rev. Joseph Vaill Jr requesting a dismission
- 3<sup>d</sup> To see if the Parish or Congregational Society will grant the request of the Petition, and consent to have the connection between him and the Parish in the Gospel Ministry dissolved waiving the condition of a year's notice.
- 4<sup>th</sup> To adopt all proper measures, in case of complying with the Petition, to carry the same into effect, and make provision for the future supply of the Desk.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Parish Clerk at or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal at Brimfield this fifth day of September A.D. 1834

Eben Knight }  
Marquis Converse } Prudential  
Oliver Blair } Committee

Champerden's.

Brimfield Sept. 5. 1834. This day made service of this warrant by posting up an attested copy at the meeting house which is seven days before the time of holding the within mentioned meeting.

C. R. Brown, Collector

A true copy of the Warrant & of the Collectors Return thereon

Attest Francis B. Stebbins  
Parish Clerk



## Sept. Meeting 1834.

At a legal meeting of the members of the Congregational Society for Religious worship in Brimfield held in pursuance of the foregoing warrant Sept 13<sup>th</sup> 1834

Lewis Williams Esq was chosen Moderator

A communication from the Rev Joseph Vail to this Society was read, requesting a dismission from the Pastoral care of this Society, and the calling of an ecclesiastical Council to carry this same into effect.

Voted that the request contained in said communication be granted waiving the condition of a year's notice.

Voted that Solomon Hoar, Marquis Converse & Ebenezer Williams be a Committee to concur with the Committee of the Church in carrying the agreement for Dismission into effect, & to take all proper steps for dissolving the connection of the Rev. Joseph Vail with this Society as our Pastor.

Voted that Julius Burt, Solomon Hoar, & Marquis Converse be a Committee to provide for the future supply of the pulpit.

Voted that the money raised for the Rev. Jos. Vail's salary which remains unexpended be appropriated under the direction of said Committee for that purpose.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest

Francis B. Stebbins, Parish Clerk



# Warrant Meeting

January 1835

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To the well lov<sup>d</sup> of the first Parish or Congregational Society for religious worship in the Town of Brimfield

greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn all the members of said Parish or Congregational Society in said Town of Brimfield, who are qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the meeting house in said Brimfield on Monday the twenty sixth day of January at one of the O'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following Articles viz

1. To choose a Moderator to regulate said meeting
2. To choose a Parish Clerk
3. To see if the Parish will concur with the Church of the Parish in extending an invitation to the Rev. Joseph Fuller, who has recently been preaching in this place to settle over them in the gospel Ministry
4. & if so To adopt all necessary steps to carry the same into effect
5. To see what Rules the Parish will adopt in relation to the admission of those who may wish to become members of the society
6. To transact any other business that may come regularly before the society

Given under our hands and seal this sixteenth day of Jan. A.D. 1835

Eben Knight } Prudential  
Marquis Converse } Committee  
Oliver Blair }

Brimfield Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> 1835 An attested copy of within warrant has been posted up as the law direct  
C. R. Brown Col<sup>d</sup>



A legal Meeting of the Members of the Congregational  
Society for religious worship in Brimfield held in pursuance  
to the foregoing Warrant Jan. 26. A.D. 1835  
Eben Williams was chosen Moderator

Eben Knight was chosen Clerk and sworn

Col. Solomon Hoar in behalf of a Com<sup>ee</sup> from the Church made  
a report to the Parish, that the Church had voted unanimously  
to extend an invitation to the Rev. Joseph Fuller who has been  
recently preaching in this place to settle over them as  
their Pastor

Whereupon

Voted That the Parish concur with the Church in extending  
an Invitation to the Rev. Joseph Fuller to settle over them  
in the Gospel Ministry

Voted That the Parish will pay an annual salary to the  
Rev. Joseph Fuller, provided he becomes their settled  
Minister of Five hundred & Fifty Dollars, so long, so long  
as he remains such

Voted That a Committee of two be chosen from the  
Parish to act with the Com<sup>ee</sup> of the Church  
in communicating the doings of this meeting  
to the Rev. Joseph Fuller

Oliver Blair } were chosen  
John M. Warren } see Committee

Voted That a Com<sup>ee</sup> of 3 be chosen to report at  
a future meeting meeting rules or bye laws  
to be adopted by the society for regulating  
the same & the admission of members

Julius Burt } were chosen  
Eben Knight }  
Oliver Blair } Committee

Voted To Adjourn this meeting to the 2<sup>d</sup> Monday  
of Feb<sup>y</sup> next 2 O. P. M.  
Eben Knight - Clerk



1835 Jan. Meeting Continued Rev. J. Fuller

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Congregational Society for religious worship in Brimfield held by adjournment Feb. 9 1835 at the meetinghouse, meeting opened as usual. To adjourn to the Hall & then immediately assemble at the Hall

In answer to the invitation given to Mr Fuller, the following communication was made to the Parish

Rev. J. Fuller Answer

Concord N.H. Feb. 2- 1835

To the Church and Parish in Brimfield

Dear Brethren and Friends

I have received a letter from your Committee, containing a request that I would settle among you as your Pastor. I have given the subject a serious and prayerful consideration, and have decided to accept of your invitation on condition that I have the liberty of being absent two sabbaths a year. My prayer to God is, that I may be useful while I continue among you. I ask your prayers that I may always be faithful

yours in Christian love

Joseph Fuller

Voted To comply with the condition of granting liberty of absence two sabbaths a year

Voted That the Parish propose, through the medium of their Committee to the Rev. J. Fuller the following conditions of settlement, for his concurrence therewith

When either party become dissatisfied with the connection to such effect, either Mr. J. Fuller or the majority of the legal voters of the Parish of the other party, and wish to have the connection dissolved, The party wishing for the same as the case may be, shall give notice to the other party and in six months from said notice, the connection may be dissolved by ecclesiastical Council \*

Answer

\* The above vote meets with my approbation

A true Copy, Thos. V. Knight, Secy

Joseph Fuller



# January Meeting Continued

1835

Voted That March the 11 1835 be the day appointed  
for the services of the Installation

Voted & Chose a Committee of 5 to make the necessary  
arrangements at the Meeting house on sd day

Abner Hitchcock	} see Committee
Moses Tyler	
Eben Knight	
Alvin Hoar	
Cyrel B. Brown	

Voted and chose a Committee of three to make arrangements  
for a singing school

Wilson Homer	} see Committee
Nathan Hitchcock	
Alvin Hoar	

Voted That the Committee chosen to prepare & report a code  
of By Laws, have a further time for that service  
and make their report at the next annual meeting

Voted & Dissolved sd meeting

Attest Eben Knight Parish Clerk



# Warrant for Parish Meeting April 20<sup>th</sup> 1835

*Original*

To the Collector of the First Parish or Congregational Society for Religious Worship in the Town of Brimfield. Greeting.

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify & warn all the Members of said Parish or Congregational Society in said Town of Brimfield, who are by Law qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the Meeting House in said Brimfield on Monday the twentieth Day of April, instant, at one of the Clock in the afternoon, then & there to act on the following Articles viz - 1<sup>st</sup> To

- 1<sup>st</sup> To Choose a Moderator to regulate said Meeting.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> To choose Parish Officers for the year ensuing.
- 3<sup>d</sup> To see if the Parish will raise Money for the Rev. Joseph Fullers Salary.
- 4<sup>th</sup> To raise Money for contingent expences.
- 5<sup>th</sup> To hear Reports of Committees & act thereon.
- 6<sup>th</sup> To see how the Parish will dispose of the Subscription for the support of the Gospel the ensuing year.

Henceof fail not but make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Parish Clerk on or before the time of said Meeting. Given under our hands & Seal, at Brimfield this sixth day of April A.D. 1835

Marques Converse  
Oliver Blair  
Ebenezer Knight } Prudential Committee

Hampden Co

Brimfield April 11<sup>th</sup> 1835. I have made service of this Warrant by posting an attested Copy of the same on the Meeting House in Brimfield seven days before the time of holding the same

C. R. Brown Collector

A true Copy of the Warrant and return thereon.

Attest Lewis Williams Parish Clerk



Parish Meeting April 20<sup>th</sup> 1835

At a legal meeting of the Members of the First Parish or Congregational Society for Religious Worship in Braintree held at the Meeting House April 20<sup>th</sup> 1835.

Carol R Brown was chosen Moderator.

Lewis Williams was Chosen Parish Clerk.

Oliver Blair }  
Ebenr Knight } were chosen Presidential Committee  
Lewis Williams }

Carol R. Brown }  
Ebenr. Fairbank } were chosen Assessors.  
William Fay }

Col. Daniel Brown, was chosen Treasurer.

William Ward was chosen Collector, to have the same percentage for collecting Parish Taxes, that he has for collecting the Town & County Taxes.

Voted to pass over the 3 & 4 articles in the Warrant.

Voted to accept the following part of the Report of the Committee, chosen at a former Meeting, to report By Laws for said First Parish. viz -

The Committee, appointed to report By Laws for regulating the Society & the admission of Members for the First Congregational Society in Braintree by leave to submit the following Report.

- Art 1<sup>st</sup> Any Person may become a Member of this Society by consent of the Presidential Committee.
- 2<sup>d</sup> When seven or more Members of the Society become dissatisfied with the doings of the Presidential Committee in the admission of Members, the subject shall be brot before the Society at their next annual Meeting, if within one year from the admission, and a Majority of the Society shall then & there determine by ballot, whether they will confirm the doings of the Presidential Committee.
- Acting under an article in the Warrant for that purpose.
- 3<sup>d</sup> It shall be the duty of the Assessors to keep a Book wherein they shall make & keep a Record of all the
- over -



Art. 3<sup>d</sup> Cont. Members of the Society who are legal Voters and transmit a Copy of the same to the Clerk of the Society on or before the next annual meeting for the choice of Officers

4<sup>th</sup> The Clerk shall keep a Record of all admissions & dissolutions of membership as they occur & have at the annual meeting a List of Voters.

5<sup>th</sup> The Presidential Committee shall receive the Votes from the Members in the Pews

6<sup>th</sup> The Parish at their Annual Meeting shall appoint a Committee of one or more from each School District to take charge of and circulate a Subscription Paper to raise Money for the Salary of the Rev Joseph Fuller & for Parish expenses, provided no parish tax be assessed for said purpose

7<sup>th</sup> The Subscription shall be payable on or before the first day of Febr annually and shall be made in a Book kept for that purpose; and a Copy of the Subscription, by the district Committee, shall be filed with the Clerk of the Parish by the first of August ~~and~~ annually -

8<sup>th</sup> It shall be the duty of the district Committee to collect & pay over to the Treasurer of the Society the several Subscriptions in their District, on or before the first day of Febr annually, & keep a record in their Book of all Subscriptions received by them and make a return to the Treasurer of such Subscriptions of the last year as have not been paid

The Presidential Committee shall annually sit with the Treasurer & report to the Parish, at their annual meeting the financial concerns of the Parish -

#### District Committee.

No 1 Marquis Converse

Moses Tyler.

No 2 Ezra Perry

Samuel [unclear]

No 3 William Fay.

4 Darius Shaw.

5 Jacob Bishop

No 6 Nathan Stithwick

7 Linus Hoar.

8 Olin Sessions

9 M S Durkee

10 James Vining



Parish Meeting April 20<sup>th</sup> 1831

Voted That a Committee of Five Persons be chosen to take the supervision of the Meeting House to prevent damage being done the same by breaking the glass, cutting the Pews &c and to aid in keeping order in the Galleries during divine service

James Brown  
Augustus Wheeler  
Albion W. Griggs  
Amherst Robinson  
Cheney Leland

} were chosen & Committee

Voted that the meeting be dissolved

A true Record of the doings of said Meeting  
att  
Lewis Williams - Clerk



Resolved for Parish Meeting April 14 1836  
Hamden to the Clerk of the First Parish  
of Congregational Society for Religious Union  
in the Town of Fairfield. Greeting  
You are hereby requested in  
the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
to notify and warn all the members  
of said Parish or Congregational Society in  
said Town of Fairfield who are qualified  
and are to vote on town affairs to assemble  
at the Meeting House in said Fairfield on  
Monday the eighteenth day of April next  
at one o'clock in afternoon then there to act on the  
following articles namely

1<sup>st</sup> To Choose a Moderator to preside at said  
Meeting

2<sup>d</sup> To Choose Parish officers for the ensuing year  
3<sup>d</sup> To see how the Parish will raise money to  
pay the Rev Joseph Fuller's Salary and  
do all things relating to the same

4<sup>th</sup> To Raise money for contingent expenses

5<sup>th</sup> To hear reports of Committees & act  
thereon and transact all other bus-  
iness that may come before said meeting

Whereof said not to make return of this  
agreement with your doings thereon to  
the subscribers at the time and place  
of said meeting

Given under our hands & Seal this  
ninth day of April 1836

Benjamin Knight President  
of the Committee



Annual Meeting April 18 1858  
at a legal meeting of the members of the  
Parish or Congregational Society for religious  
worship in Brimfield held at the Meeting  
house April 18 1858

Cyril H. Brown was chosen Moderator  
David Bliss was chosen

Worship by Ebenezer Venner  
Daughters of the  
Shirel H. Brown  
Cyril H. Brown

the society voted not to choose any assess.

for this year  
voted to choose a committee from each

district to collect the dues of the

districts Committee 1st Ebenezer Fairbank  
2nd James Brown 7 Oliver T. Brown

3rd Ezra Perry 8 Orlando Griggs  
4th Alvin James 9 Marshall S. Durkin

5th Abner Nichols 10 Andrew Herril  
11 Peniel Parker

12 Shurel Haar  
voted a committee of 3 persons be chosen

to take charge of the meeting house &  
to see there is order kept &

Alphon James were chosen to  
Abner Hitchcock to take charge

of the meeting house  
voted the money be raised the same as

it was the last year subscription for  
Joseph Butler Gallery & contingent expenses

voted the Prudential Committee  
report with the Treasurer and

find out what money there is on  
hand and make a calculation of the

on each one subscription and hand  
over to the Committee in each

district for said Committee to  
collect and pay over to the Treasurer

when this meeting adjourned  
done at the house of the church April 18 1858



Warrent

Hampden ss To the Clerk of the first  
Parish or Congregational Society for religious  
Worship in the Town of Brimfield Greeting

- 1<sup>st</sup> You are hereby requested in the name  
of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to  
notify and warn all the members of the said  
Parish or Congregational Society in the said  
Town of Brimfield who are qualified by  
law to vote in town affairs to assemble  
at the Conference Hall in said Brimfield  
on Monday the Twenty third day of  
January current at three O'clock in the  
after noon then and there to act on  
the following articles namely
- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside at  
said meeting
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> To see if the said Parish or Society  
will make any alterations in the  
Meetinghouse
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> To raise money if necessary to carry  
the same in to effect
  - 4<sup>th</sup> To take all necessary measures to  
an alteration should the Parrish  
think fit so to do

That if fail not and make due return  
of this Warrent with your doing there on  
to the subscribers at the time and place  
of meeting

Given under our hands and Seal this  
fourteenth day of January 1837

Dauphin Brown) Brimfield  
Alfred Hoar )  
Committee

Hampden ss

Brimfield January 14 1837 I have made  
service of this Warrent by posting an attested copy  
of the same on the Meetinghouse in Brimfield  
seven days before the time of holding  
the same a true copy of the Warrent and  
return thereon Attest Levi Whiff Clerk



Parish Meeting January 23 1837

Voted to alter the Meeting House

Voted to pass over the third Article

Voted To Choose a Committee of three to  
present a plan of an Alteration  
Marquis Converse } were chosen  
Lionel Hoar } the Committee  
Alfred Hoar }

Voted to Choose a Committee of three  
to enquire in to the legality of  
altering the Meeting House  
Ebeneser Knight } were chosen  
Lewis Williams } the Committee  
Dauphin Brown }

Voted To Choose a Committee of three  
to meet with the Towns Committee  
to consult upon an alteration  
Ebeneser Williams }  
Darius Shaw - } were chosen  
William Ward } the Committee

Voted To adjourn this meeting two  
weeks from this day at  
one o'clock at the Hall

a true record of said meeting

Attest Levi Bliff Clerk



In adjourned Meeting Feb 6 1837  
Voted to alter the Meeting House

Voted to return the plan that  
was presented by the Comm-  
itte to said Committee and  
have them procure an other

Voted this Meeting be adjourned  
to the first Monday  
in March

A true record of the proceedings  
of said meeting

Attest Levi Bliff Clerk

In adjourned Meeting March 6 1837

Voted to accept of the plan presented by  
the Committee

Voted to add ten the Committee who were  
Samuel Lombard, chosen to procure a plan and to be  
Hiram James { there duty to confer with individ-  
Eleanor Thayer { uals of the Society and explain  
Justin Morgan { and ascertain who belong to the  
Julius Burt { Society likewise report such plans  
William Fay { as they think proper and report  
Samuel Brown { to our next annual meeting  
William Ward {  
Levi Bliff {  
C R Brown { were chosen Committee

Voted to adjourn this meeting to our next  
annual meeting which is, third  
Monday in April

A true record of the doings of said  
meeting

Attest Levi Bliff Clerk



Warrant for Parish Meeting

Hamptden ss

L S To the Clerk of the first Parish  
or Congregational Society for Religious Worship in  
the Town of Brimfield Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and  
warn all the members of said Parish or Con-  
gregational Society in the said Town of Brim-  
field who are qualified by law to vote in Town  
affairs to assemble at the Conference Hall  
in said Brimfield on Monday the seventeenth  
day of April Instant at one O'clock in the  
afternoon then & there to act on the following ar-  
ticles namely

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to preside at said  
Meeting
- 2<sup>nd</sup> To Choose Parish officers for the year ensuing
- 3<sup>d</sup> To raise money for the Support of Preaching  
the Gospel and to pay the debts of the Society
- 4<sup>th</sup> To raise money for contingent expences -
- 5<sup>th</sup> To hear reports of committees and act thereon

Hereof fail not and make due return of this  
Warrant with your doings thereon to the subscri-  
bers at the time and place of said meeting

Given under our hands & Seal this tenth day  
of April 1837

Dauphin Brown } Prudential  
Lyrel R Brown } Committee  
Alfred Hoar } of s<sup>d</sup> Parish

Hamptden ss

Brimfield April 10<sup>th</sup> 1837 I have made  
service of this Warrant by posting an attested Copy  
of the same on the meeting House in Brim-  
field seven days before the time of Holding  
the same

A True Copy of the warrant and return  
thereon

attest Levi Bliss Parish Clerk



Parish Meeting April 17 1837

At a legal meeting of the members of the  
First Parish or Congregational Society for  
Religious Worship in Brimfield held at  
the Conference House April 17 1837

Lewis Williams Esq was Chosen Moderator  
Levi Bliff was Chosen Parish Clerk

James Brown }  
Solomon Hamner } were Chosen Prudential Com  
Abner Hitchcock } mittee

Marquis Converse was Chosen Treasurer.

Julius Burt }  
Cyril R Brown } were Chosen assessors.  
Abner Hitchcock }

Voted to put up the collecting of the taxes  
at the lowest bidder

William M Ward bid them off at seven  
Dollars for said Parish

Voted to have five Persons Chosen Com  
mittee to take charge of the Meeting  
House to prevent damage being done  
the same by breaking the glass & cutting  
the Pews & and to aid in keeping order  
in the Galleries during divine service

Cyril R Brown }  
Abner Hitchcock } were Chosen said Committee  
Jonathan Brown }  
Sylvester Hitchcock }  
William M Ward }

Voted to accept the Report of the Prudential  
Committee they were Chosen at previo  
us Meeting to Examine the Situation  
of our funds and Report with the Treas  
urer's report at this meeting their report  
to be recorded Will to be entered on  
the book the State of our funds as  
reported



# Report of the Committee

Due from Marshal S Durkee - - - - - 7.00  
 Due from Marquis Converse Treasurer 1407.01  
 Due from Lemuel Lombard - - - - - 22.50  
 Due from Ezra Perry J - - - - - 59.00  
 495.51

Due to Joseph Fuller outstanding orders. 592.50  
 Due to George Bacon (By Singing Committee) 50.00  
 Due to Marquis Converse Paid Fellowship 1.25  
 Due to Cherry Solinger for wood - - - 1.78  
 Due to Benjamin Sherman for wood - - - 2.00  
 \$647.53

Due to Sundries Persons 647.53

Due from Sundries Persons 495.51

Due from the Society - 152.02

Cyrel R Brown } Parish Committee  
 Alurel Hoar }

Voted To raise the money to Support the preaching the Gospel and to pay the debts of the Society by a tax

Voted To raise 675 Dollars to Support the preaching the Gospel & pay the debts of said Society

Voted To have a Committee of one Chosen in each School District to confer with the inhabitants in said District which he is Chosen and ascertain who are willing to belong to said Society and be taxed and their names in to the assessors the Prudential Committee are to furnish Each Committee in said District with a paper for the Inhabitants to sign

Respect. By Ebenezer Knight 8. 6 Ebenezer Fairbanks  
 2 Abner James - 7 Lynus Hoar -  
 3 Nehemiah Williams 8 Orlando Griggs  
 11 Julius Burt - - 9 Marshal S Durkee  
 5 Alurel Hoar 10 James Kuting  
 were Chosen Committee in each District

Voted This meeting be Dissolved



the other side of the leaf is a true  
record of the doings of said meeting  
of April 17 1837

Attest Levi Bliff Parish Clerk

An adjourned Meeting to April 17  
1837.

Resolved this meeting be adjourned to the  
first Monday in October at  
the Meeting House. Notice is to  
be given by the presidential  
committee by posting up notice  
on the Meeting House -

Attest Levi Bliff Parish Clerk

The assessors chosen for said Parish  
were sworn May 15 " 1837

Julius Burr  
Cyril R Brown } Levi Bliff Parish Clerk  
Abner Hitchcock }



Warrant for Parish Meeting May 5 1837

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Hampden ss

To the Collector of the first Parish  
or Congregational Society for Religious Worship  
in the Town of Brimfield Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn all  
the members of said Parish or Congregational Society  
in said Town of Brimfield who are qualified by  
law to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the  
Hall in said Brimfield on Monday the six  
teenth inst at two o'clock P.m. then and there to  
act on the following articles viz

1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to regulate said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> To read a communication from the Rev Joseph  
Fletcher requesting a dismission

3<sup>rd</sup> To see if the Parish or Congregational Society  
will grant the request of the Petition and con-  
sent to have the connexion between him and  
the Parish in the Gospel Ministry dissolved  
giving the condition of six month notice

4<sup>th</sup> To adopt all proper measures in case of com-  
plying with the Petition to carry the same  
into effect and make provision for the  
fuller supply of the Church and to transact  
any other business that may legally come  
before said Meeting

Thou shalt fail not and make due return of this  
warrant with the your doings thereon to the Par-  
ish Clerk at or before the time of said  
Meeting

Given under our hands and seal at Brim-  
field this fifth day of May A.D. 1837

Solomon Homer Prudential  
Abner Hitchcock } Committee

Hampden ss May 15 1837

of said Parish

In obedience to the within warrant I hereby certify that  
I have notified and warned the members of the first  
Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield asse-  
mbling to law

William C. Ward Collector for

A true copy of the warrant said Parish  
and return thereon

Attest Lewis Bliss Parish Clerk

Parish Meeting May 15 1837  
At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Congregational Society for religious worship in  
Brimfield held at the Hall May 15 1837

In answer to the request of the Reverend Joseph  
Fuller to dissolve his connection with said  
Parish and Church

Ebenezer Knight was chosen Moderator

Voted To accept of the Reverend Joseph Fuller  
request that is to have the connection  
between him and the Parish and  
Church in the Gospel Ministry  
dissolved, waving the condition  
of six months notice

Voted To have a Committee of three chosen  
from the Parish to confer with the  
Churchs Committee to prepare and  
make arrangements and to have  
an Ecclesiastical Council called  
to give him a dismission and to  
dissolve his connection with this  
Church and Society in said -  
Brimfield -  
John M. Warren } were chosen  
Julius Burt -- } Committee  
Otis Sessions }

Voted To have a Committee of three chosen  
to hire a suitable person to  
supply the Desk  
Dea Solomon Hoar } were chosen  
Dea Jacob Bishop }  
Oliver Blair - }

Voted That the assessors shall be authorised  
to receive subscriptions for the support  
of the Gospel in this Society from  
persons who do not belong to said  
Society



Voted Have an addition of two to the first committee to concure with them and to procure a suitable person to supply the desk

Ebenezer Williams } were Chosen -  
Julius Burt - }

Voted This Meeting be dissolved

Attest record of the doings of said  
Meeting  
Attest Levi Bliss Parish Clerk

# Warrent for Parish Meeting Sept 11 1837

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden ss

To the Collector of the First Parish or  
Congregational Society for Religious worship  
in the Town of Brimfield Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and  
warn all the members of said Parish or Con-  
gregational Society in said Town of Brimfield  
who are qualified to vote in town affairs to  
assemble at the Meeting house in said Town  
of Brimfield on Monday the Eleventh day of  
September Instant at two of the clock in the after-  
noon then and there to act on the following articles  
viz

- 1<sup>st</sup> To Choose a Moderator to regulate said Meeting
- 2<sup>nd</sup> To see if the Parish will concur with the  
Church of the Parish in extending an invi-  
tation to the Rev Joseph Vaill of Portland  
in the State of Maine to settle over them  
in the gospel Ministry and if so
- 3<sup>rd</sup> To adopt all necessary measures to carry  
the same into effect and to transact any  
other business that may come regularly  
before the Society

Here of fail not to make due return of  
this warrent to the Clerk of said Society and  
your doings thereon at the time and place  
of said Meeting

Given under our hands and  
seals this first day of September A D 1837

James Brown } Prudential  
Solomon Homer } Committee  
Abner Hitchcock } of said Society

Hampden ss Sept 11 1837 In obedience to the within  
warrent I hereby certify that I have notified and warned  
all the members of the first Parish or Congregational Society  
in Brimfield seven days before the holding the sd. meeting

William M Ward Parish Collector

A true Copy of the warrent and return there on  
Attest Levi Bliss Parish Clerk.



Parish Meeting September 11 1837  
At a legal meeting of the members of the First Parish  
or Congregational Society for Religious Worship in  
Brimfield held at the Meeting House Sept. 11 1837

Cyrel R Brown was Chosen Moderator

Voted That the Parish will concur with the Church  
of the Parish in extending an invitation to  
the Rev Joseph Vaill of Portland in the  
State of Maine to settle over them in the  
gospel Ministry

Voted To give the Reverend Joseph Vaill for  
Six Hundred Dollars Salary per year

Voted To have a Committee of two to concur  
with Churchs Committee to extend an  
invitation to the Rev. Joseph Vaill  
and to adopt all necessary measures to  
carry the same into effect

Julius Burt } were Chosen  
Thomas Hubbard } Committee

Voted This Meeting be dissolved

A true record of the doings of said  
Meeting  
H

Levi Bliss Parish Clerk

Hampden ss

P. S. To The Collector of the  
first Parish or Congregational Society for  
religious worship in the Town of Brimfield  
You are hereby required in the name of the  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn  
all the Members of the said Parish or Congregational  
Society in said Brimfield who are qualified by law  
to vote in town affairs to assemble at the meeting house  
in said Brimfield on Monday the nineteenth  
day of Feb<sup>y</sup> current at one of the clock in the afternoon  
then and there to act on the following articles: viz:

1. To choose a Moderator to regulate said meeting
2. To see if said Society or Parish will reconsider  
any Vote or Votes that were passed by the said Parish  
or Society at any meeting or meetings held under  
a Warrant of January the fourteenth A.D. 1837 in relation  
to altering the Meetinghouse according to a plan  
submitted by a Committee raised for that purpose
3. To see if said Parish or Society will alter or  
rebuild the meetinghouse in such manner  
as to make two or more rooms, an upper &  
lower Room or Rooms, and fit up the lower  
upper Room as a place for public worship, to  
be held exclusively for that purpose.
- 4<sup>th</sup>. To determine the time when such alterations  
shall be made
- 5<sup>th</sup>. To raise Committees for carrying the same into  
effect & make such arrangements as the law  
provides, when houses for public worship are altered  
repared, rebuilt, removed or Pews taken down
6. To transact any business that shall legally  
come before the meeting in relation to carrying  
the above into effect.

Hereof you are not to make due return of this Warrant  
with your doings therein to the subscribers at or before  
the said day of meeting



# Warrant for Parish meeting Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> 1838 Contd.

Given under our hands and seal this tenth day of Feb<sup>y</sup> in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred & thirty eight

James Brown } Prudential  
Abner Hitecock } Committee

Hamden Is Feb<sup>y</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1838 Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the members of the first Parish or Congregational Society for religious worship in Brimfield by posting up an attested copy hereof on the meeting house in said Brimfield

Wm. M. Warrall Parish Clerk

At a legal meeting of the members of the first Parish or Congregational Society in Brimfield, qualified to vote in Town affairs, held in town affairs pursuance of the foregoing Warrant at the Meeting house Feb<sup>y</sup> 19. 1838

Amos Hoar was chosen Moderator

Ebenezer Knight was chosen Clerk Pro. tem.  
(Levi Bliss the Clerk being absent) & sworn by Festus Foster Esq.

Voted That this meeting be adjourned to meet at the Conference Hall forthwith  
& accordingly met at the Hall, where the meeting was called to order by the Moderator

Voted To reconsider the votes that were passed by the Society held under a Warrant of Jan<sup>y</sup> fourteenth 1837 in relation to any contemplated plan of altering the meeting house

Voted To alter the Meetinghouse agreeably to a plan drawn by Elias Carter & this day presented to the Society by Marquis Converse, so far as the plan designs an alteration in the exterior of the House and fitting up an upper Room as a place for public worship, leaving the alteration contemplated in the lower part of the house for future action

## February Meeting continued. 1838

Voted That the Meetinghouse be altered as early the ensuing season as a contract for that purpose can be judiciously made

Voted And chose a Committee of Eleven for carrying the above into effect, & to make all necessary contracts for that purpose, who shall be the building Committee

Marquis Converse, Samuel A. Hitchcock, Oliver Blair  
Lemuel Lumbard, Cyrel R. Brown, Alurea Hoar  
Ebenezer Knight, Pennel Parker, Ebenezer Fairbanks  
Linus Hoar & John M. Warren sa Committee

Voted And chose Marquis Converse, Ezra Perry & Thomas Hubbard to report at our next meeting a disinterested Committee to appraise the Pews, in the Meetinghouse, as the laws provide, when houses for public worship are altered and the Pews taken down

Voted That this meeting be adjourned for three weeks, to meet at the Conference Hall at one O'clock P.M.

Attest Eben Knight Parish Clerk &c.



Adjourned Meeting from February 19 1838  
To March 12 1838

Adjourned meeting of the members of the First  
Parish or Congregational Society for Religious Worship  
in Brimfield held at the Hall

March 12 1838

The Meeting was called to order by the moderator  
for Altered Hour

Voted To Choose two persons as Committee to confer  
with the former Committee to select the  
persons to apprise the Pews in the Meeting  
House in Brimfield

James Brown } were chosen Committee  
Ebenezer Knight }

Voted To Choose a Committee of three to notify  
the Committee of their appointment &  
give the necessary notice to all parties  
of the time of Appraisal & Attend upon  
said Committee

Ebenezer Knight } were chosen  
Marquis Converse } Committee  
Thomas Hubbard }

Voted To adjourn this Meeting to the third  
Monday in April at the Meetinghouse  
at one o'clock P.M.

Attest Levi Bliff Parish Clerk

February Meeting were chosen Mittles  
the to Apprise The Pews in said Meeting  
house George David Sturbridge

William Howe Warren

Mansing Hammiton Brookfield

February 19 1838

Attest Levi Bliff Parish Clerk

Brimsfield March 20. 1838  
Notice is hereby given that the Congregational Society in Brimsfield have voted to alter and repair the Meeting house in said Brimsfield & accordingly to the provision of the Statute have selected a disinterested Committee to appraise the Pews in said House. The Committee will meet for said purpose at the Meetinghouse on Tuesday March 27 inst at nine o'clock A.M. per order of the Society  
The above is a true copy of the Notice from said Committee and was posted up on the Meetinghouse March 20 1838

Attest Levi Bliss Parish Clerk

omitted

At a meeting of the members of the First Parish or Congregational Society for Religious Worship in Brimsfield at the Meeting House Easter 30<sup>th</sup> - 1837 -  
Samuel Lombard was chosen Moderator  
Alfred Hoar Clerk pro tem

Noted

That should the Rev Joseph Baile Sr be settled with us, in the minister, his request be granted of being absent from all two Sabbaths in the year

Noted

That the Parish proper through the medium of their Committee to the Rev Joseph Baile the following Conditions for his Connection therewith  
Where either party become dissatisfied with the Connection to each other either the Rev Joseph Baile Sr on the one part or a majority of the voting of the Parish on the other part wish to have the Connection dissolved The party wishing for the same at the time may give notice to the other party and in six months from said notice the Connection may be dissolved by an ecclesiastical Council

Noted

To pass over the third article in the Warrant

Noted

To dissolve said meeting attested Alfred Hoar  
also Copy F. M. W. B. B. Clerk pro tem



# Report of a Committee selected to appraise the laws

As the subscribers having been chosen by the Congregational Society in Brimfield to appraise the laws in their Meeting House having attended to that service on this twentieth day of March Eighteen Hundred & Thirty Eight notice having been previously given of the time & place of the meeting of the appraisers to hear persons interested in said laws, have appraised said laws as follows viz

nos. 3-4-5-6-7-8	at	\$ 35.00	Est
" 1-2 -	"	33.	"
" 9-10-11-12	"	34.	"
" 13-14	"	32.	"
" 15-16-17-18-19-20-35-36 -	"	10.	"
" 21-22-23-24-25-26	"	25.	"
" 27-28	"	23.	"
" 29-30	"	21.	"
" 31-32	"	20.	"
" 33-34-37-38-39-40 -	"	18.	"
" 41-42	"	16.	"
" 43-44 -	"	14.	"
" 45-46	"	13.	"
" 47-48	"	12.	"
" 49-50	"	11.	"
" 1 to 30 in Gallows	"	1.50	"

at true Copy  
 att'd Fitchburg Mass  
 Signed  
 George Davis  
 William Howe  
 Emerson Hamilton

~~Warrant for parish Meeting~~ April 16<sup>th</sup> 1838

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Thompson ss.

To the Collector of the first parish or Congregational Society for Religious worship in the Town of Brimfield  
 Meeting

are hereby required in the names of the said Commonwealth to notify and warn all the members of the said parish or Congregational Society in the said Town of Brimfield who are qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the Meeting House in said Brimfield on Monday the fifteenth day of

- April instant at one o'clock in the afternoon there  
 then to act upon the following articles viz  
 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting  
 2<sup>d</sup> To choose church officers for the year ensuing  
 3<sup>d</sup> To raise money for the Rev Joseph Cooks salary  
 4<sup>th</sup> To raise money for contingent expenses  
 5<sup>th</sup> To transact any other business that may come legally  
 before them at said Meeting

Those are required to show this warrant by posting  
 up an attested copy on the Meeting House seven  
 days before the time of holding said Meeting  
 That I do not but make direction of said Warrant  
 with a view to induce them to as the subscribers at a before  
 the time of holding said meeting  
 Given under our hands & seals this first day of April  
 in the Year of our said Lord one thousand eight hundred  
 and thirty eight

Signed *Samuel Brown*  
*Abner Hestrick*

Hampden S.S. April 7<sup>th</sup> 1838.

Pursuant to the within Warrant I  
 hereby certify that I have notified and warned all the  
 members of the first Parish or Congregational Society  
 for Religious Worship in the Town of Springfield accordingly  
 to the within direction

Signed *Mr. M. Ward* Collector  
 a true copy of the Warrant & the return thereon  
 attested

*Attest Henry Warren*  
*Parish Clerk*

Parish Meeting April 16<sup>th</sup> 1838.

At a legal meeting of the members of the Congregational  
 Society for Religious Worship in Springfield held in pursuance  
 of the above Warrant April 16<sup>th</sup> 1838

*Benjamin Williams* was chosen Moderator  
*Attest Henry Warren* Clerk chosen by Elect. and H. Esq.

*Samuel Lombard*  
*John M. Warren*  
*Ben. Sherman Jr*

*Thomas Hubbard Jr* Treasurer

*Benjamin*  
*Parish Committee*



# April Meeting 1838 Continued

Julius Root 3  
Samuel Shaw 3 were chosen assessors  
Phillip Hubbard 3

Cyril P. Brown read chosen Collector \$5.00

Noted To raise five Hundred Dollars for the Rev. S. Smith  
Savings

Noted To pass over the fourth article of the Manuscript

Noted That a Committee of three be chosen to confer  
with the late treasurer

Samuel Lombard 3  
John M. Brown 3 were chosen for this duty  
Benja. Sherman Jr 3

Meeting Dissolved

Attest Henry Manning Clerk

Adjourned Meeting from March 12<sup>th</sup> to April 11<sup>th</sup> 1838

A legal meeting of the members of the Congregational  
Church for Religious Work in Springfield will pursuant to  
adjourned Monday March 16<sup>th</sup> 1838

Meeting called to order by Church Ward Moderator

Noted That the report of the Committee chosen to appear the  
papers in Meeting House of the Society be accepted  
(see book kept)

Noted That this meeting be adjourned to the first Monday in  
September at 10 o'clock P.M. at the Congregational Hall

Attest

Attest Henry Manning Clerk

Brimsfield Sept 3<sup>d</sup> 1838

At a next meeting of the members of the First  
Church or Congregational Society for Religious Worship in  
Brimsfield held pursuant to adjournment Monday  
Sept 3<sup>d</sup> 1838

Meeting called to order by Abner Howe Moderator

The Clerk being absent Philip Hubbard was appointed  
to fill the vacancy for time

Resolved That this meeting be adjourned to Monday  
the fifteenth day of Oct at two o'clock P.M. at  
the meeting house

P. S. Hubbard Clerk pro tem

I have Copy attested  
Attest Stephen Howe Secy

Warrant for Church Meeting - Oct 22<sup>d</sup> 1838

Brimsfield 55.

To the Collector of the First Church or Congregational  
Society for Religious Worship in the Town of Brimsfield  
You are hereby required in the name of the Town of Brimsfield  
Massachusetts to notify to and call on the members of said Church  
or Congregational Society in said Brimsfield who are qualified  
by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the Congregational Hall  
in said Brimsfield on Monday the twenty second day of Oct<sup>r</sup>  
pursuant at 3 o'clock P.M. then return to act on the following  
articles viz

1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

2<sup>d</sup> To raise money for defraying the expense of obtaining  
reparations the Hall for public worship in said Church

3<sup>d</sup> To transact any other business that may then lawfully  
come before the meeting

Hereof said and not but make due return of this Warrant with  
your doings thereon to the subscribers at or before the said day  
of meeting

up.



Time under our hands & Seal at Brimfield this 10th day of Oct.  
1838

Samuel Hubbard Seal  
John W. Warner Seal  
Benjamin Tuman Seal

Hampden 55. Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 1838

By Order of this Warrant I have notifi-  
ed the members of the first Parish or Congregational Society  
in Brimfield equal to the directors therein contained  
by posting an attested copy of this Warrant on the meeting  
House seven days before the day of meeting

Cyrus R. Brown Collector

at the City of Brimfield  
Right Honorable Court Clerk

At a legal meeting of the members of the first Parish or  
Congregational Society held in pursuance of the foregoing Warrant  
Monday Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> 1838

Cyrus R. Brown was chosen Moderator

Voted To raise the sum of forty or Hundred Dollars  
for defraying the expenses of attending & repairing meeting  
House in said Parish

Voted That the Parish accept of any sum or money that  
have been or may be contributed by individuals for  
the purpose of aiding in such attending & repairing

Voted That a committee of three be raised for the purpose  
of ascertaining the amount that and how may be  
contributed by individual donations & to make arrangements  
with the owners of said Property for a further release-  
ment of said Property for the use & benefit of said  
Parish & that Stephen Wheeler, George Knight & John  
Hubbard be constituted that committee

Voted That this meeting be adjourned to Monday Nov 12<sup>th</sup> 6 o'clock  
All at the City of Brimfield Court Clerk

Parish Meeting Monday, Nov 12<sup>th</sup> - 1838

The members of the first Parish a Congregational Society in Brimfield met pursuant to adjournment.

Meeting called to order by C. R. Brown Mod.

~~Resolved~~ That this meeting be adjourned to Monday Nov 19<sup>th</sup> at 1 o'clock P.M. to meet at the Conference Hall

Attest

Stephen Mann Clerk

Parish Meeting Nov 19<sup>th</sup> 1838 adjourn

The members of the first Parish a Congregational Society in Brimfield met pursuant to adjournment.

The moderator C. R. Brown being absent Benjamin S. was elected to supply the vacancy

~~Resolved~~ That this meeting be adjourned to Monday Nov 10<sup>th</sup> at 1 o'clock P.M. to meet at the Conference Hall

Attest

Stephen Mann

Warrant for Parish Meeting Nov 17<sup>th</sup> /38

Benjamin S.

To the Collector of the first Parish a Congregational Society for Religious Worship in the Town of Brimfield -  
You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & have all the members of said Parish a Congregational Society in said Brimfield qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the Conference Hall in said Brimfield on Monday the seventeenth day of November current at one o'clock P.M. there to act on the following articles



63  
1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

2d To raise money for defraying the Expense of attending & repairing the House for public worship in said parish

3d To transact any other business that may then or hereafter legally come before them

Read of said order but make due notice of this warrant with your doings thereon to the subscribers at or before the said day of meeting

Done under our hand & seal at Barnfield this seventh day of December a.d. 1838

James Sambrook  
John W. Barnes  
Benjamin Thomas &c

Hampden 25 December 7th 1838

This certifies that I have posted an attached copy of the within warrant at the house shall ten days before the time for holding the within mentioned meeting

Appt R. Brown Secy.

attest

—Richard W. Barnes Clerk

At a legal meeting of the members of the first parish or Congregational Society in Barnfield held in pursuance to the within warrant

George Williams was elected moderator of said St. H. R. Brown Clerk for time & qualified by Geo. Knight S. R.

Resolved To raise \$46 as for defraying the Expense of attending & repairing & purchasing pews in said Church

Resolved That the Committee choose Oct 25<sup>th</sup> continue their activities in soliciting subscriptions & relinquish most of levy until the church is completed

Resolved To reconsider the first vote passed Oct 25<sup>th</sup>

Resolved That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow such sum of money exceeding \$400 as for extra duty as may be necessary to pay the expenses of attending the parish Meeting House & give the security of the parish society to reimburse the same

Resolved That Rev. Knight Abund House & Samuel Brown be a Committee to investigate & ascertain the best method of taking down the pews in the lower room of said Church & making such alterations as they may think proper

Resolved That the building Committee be authorized to give legal notice of the sale of the steps & proceed to sell them by public Auction after the church is by then accepted

Resolved To adjourn for two weeks from this day at 1 o'clock P.M.

H. F. Brown - Clerk

Parish Meeting Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 1838

At a legal meeting of the members of the first parish a Congregational Society held pursuant to adjournment

Rev. William M. Austin

Resolved That Rev. Knight J. M. Brown Lydia R. Brown Abund House & Thos. Hubbard be a Committee to appraise the steps in said Meeting House



Dated That William Brown be authorized to dispose of the property of the said now insolvent consisting of Windows & furniture &c

Dated To adjourn for two weeks from this day at 1 o'clock p.m. at this place  
 Wm. Brown Clerk

### Notice of Sale of Sticks

Will be sold by public auction on Wednesday day 19<sup>th</sup> the 18<sup>th</sup> of June all the sticks mostly created by the meeting House belonging to the Congregational Society in Brimfield Sale to commence at 1 o'clock p.m. Conditions made known at the time of sale as aforesaid

Wm. Hubbard Jr  
 Clerk & Receiver

Brimfield Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 1838

### Sale of Sticks

No	Price	Purchaser	No	Price	Purchaser	No	Price	Purchaser
1	90	A. Homer	20	90	A. Homer	39	115	C. R. Brown
2	100	Oliver Blair	21	90	C. R. Brown	40	110	R. M. Brown
3	105	S. A. Hitchcock	22	90	David Homer	41	90	A. Homer
4	105	S. M. Warner	23	85	David Homer	42	80	C. S. Sander
5	115	David Homer	24	80	C. R. Brown	43	115	S. A. Hitchcock
6	121	Oliver Blair	25	60	Edw Knight	44	105	Oliver Blair
7	115	Oliver Blair	26	60	C. R. Brown	45	125	Oliver Blair
8	115	Mary Tyler	27	60	C. R. Brown	46	100	C. R. Brown
9	120	A. Homer	28	55	A. Homer	47	120	Edw Knight
10	110	Mary Tyler	29	35	Edw Knight	48	101	C. S. Sander
11	120	Edw Knight	30	40	C. R. Brown	49	110	Wm. Hubbard
12	120	C. Blair	31	70	S. M. Warner	50	125	A. Homer
13	120	John Ryley	32	70	C. S. Sander	51	105	S. A. Hitchcock
14	120	A. Homer	33	80	A. Homer	52	110	S. M. Warner
15	105	C. R. Brown	34	75	Edw Knight	53	125	Benjamin
16	105	S. M. Warner	35	145	A. Homer	54	120	Edw Knight
17	100	Edw Knight	36	120	C. Blair	55	275	John Ryley
18	105	C. R. Brown	37	135	S. M. Warner	56	150	John Ryley
19	100	A. Homer	38	135	Edw Knight	57	305	Benjamin
# 2091			# 1585			# 2486		

# Sale of Slips Cautions

58	2.05	C. Salander	66	63	John W. Hays	2.091	B. Salander
59	1.55	S. A. Hittchuck	67	110	S. A. Hittchuck	1.585	" "
60	1.55	C. R. Brown	68	91	John W. Hays	2.486	" "
61	1.00	C. Salander	69	55	C. Salander	936	- ref
62	1.20	S. A. Hittchuck	70	65	John W. Hays	450	- -
63	70	S. Salander	71	30	C. Salander		
64	86	Samy Hays	72	36	John W. Hays		
65	45	C. R. Brown					
\$ 936			\$ 450			Selling - 7 548	

Know all men by these presents that whereas on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of Jan'y A.D. 1839 we before named are hereunto annexed purchased at public auction pens & slips on the second floor in the meeting House in Brimfield newly fitted up in 1838 now therefore we hereby agree & covenant that the first parish or Congregational Society of sd Brimfield may rent said pens & slips for one year from sd month of Jan'y on the following conditions to wit that sd parish shall pay by their Treasurer to the several owners of said slips nine % interest on the purchase money at the expiration of the year

Brimfield Jan'y 14<sup>th</sup> 39

Sign

Sign

John W. Hays  
 Almond Hays  
 Penick Parker  
 Oliver Wright  
 S. A. Hittchuck  
 John M. Warren  
 Wm. M. Ward  
 Henry Salander

Samuel Salander  
 Fitz Henry Warren  
 David Hays  
 Capt R. Brown  
 Oliver Blair  
 Almond Salander

a true copy attest

Fitz Henry Warren Parish Clerk

at a legal meeting of the members of the first parish or Congregational Society held pursuant to adjournment at the Congregational Hall in Brimfield Monday Jan'y 14<sup>th</sup> 39

Oliver Williams first of moderator  
 Fitz Henry Warren Parish Clerk  
 ref



Resolved

That the society accede to the proposal made to them by the owners to rent their property, estimating them an interest of 9% at the expiration of the year & spend to rent them accordingly on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 1 o'clock P.M. on the following

Resolved

That S. A. Whitcomb, Eben Knight & Thos. Hubbard be a Committee for the purpose of taking care & ascertaining the proper time to be purchased in purchasing & including the steps in the Meeting House of the Society now owned by individuals so that said Society shall have it in their power to fulfill the conditions annexed to the donating speech by individuals which require that said House shall become the property of the Society & the steps therein be rented for defraying the current expenses of said House & Society

Resolved

To pass by the report of the Committee to whom was referred the subject of altering the room on the lower floor of Meeting House

Resolved

That Eben Knight R. H. Hubbard Solomon Hemen John M. Warren & Nathl. Parker be a Committee to assess the rent on the steps so that the sum of seven hundred dollars may be raised for parochial expenses

Resolved

That Step No. 2 be appropriated to the use of Pastors family & that Step No. 7 & 8 be in like manner appropriated for the accommodation of the poor of the Town & that the President Com. be authorized to rent all other steps which are not taken on the day of public sale

Resolved

That Eben Knight Augustus Wheeler & Thos. Hubbard be a Committee to pay the sum appeared on the paper in the old House to the rental owners thereof

Resolved

That Wm. M. Ward & Amos Shaw & Fitzhugh Warren be a Committee to audit the a/c's of the building & other Committee raised by the funds for different purposes

Noted

That good approval notes be taken in payment  
of the rent of the school site & that the Treas.  
be empowered to deduct one year interest from  
such sum as may be paid in advance by  
any individuals renting said site

Noted

To adjourn for two weeks to meet at this place  
at 10 o'clock P.M.

attest

Fitzhugh Warren  
Pres. Lake

Roll of Subscribers

No	Roll	Individuals	No	Roll	Individuals
1	15.00	Marquis Cannon	33	12.25	Arthur H. Hitchcock
2		Pharson	34	12.00	Abner Hitchcock
3	10.00	Samuel Cannon	35	11.50	Oliver Blair
4	18.75	Samuel Hubbard	36	15.25	George R. Brown
5	19.00	Ezra Perry Jr	37	15.50	John McManis
6	18.25	Thomas Brown	38	15.00	Fitzhugh Warren
7	19.00	Alfred Brown	39	14.75	J. S. Brown Jr
8	18.50	James Benton	40	14.50	Julius Best
9	19.25	John Mayhew	41	11.00	Alfred Brown
10	18.25	Sam Williams	42	10.00	Sanathan Brown
11	19.00	Chas. Russell	43	11.25	Barnard Dean
12	17.25	Sam Bliss	44	10.25	John C. Hancock
13	17.25	Sam Fairbanks	45	13.25	Edw. Knight
14	16.75	Sam Perry	46	13.50	St. Barnard
15	17.00	Chas. Sam Jr	47	14.50	J. S. Brown Jr
16	16.50	Mr. J. Thuman	48	14.50	Jacob Bishop
17	15.50	Sam Thuman	49	14.75	Benja Thuman Jr
18	15.25	Jonathan Parker	50	13.00	Salomon Bond
19	14.00	Sam Clark	51	14.75	Samuel Shaw
20	14.50	Alvan Lang	52	14.50	Timothy Bliss
21	10.00	Charles Fogg	53	14.50	James Brown
22	11.25	Sam Wright	54	14.25	Salomon Bond
23	10.00	Spencer Upham	55	13.75	William Ray
24	10.00	Alfred Smith	56	13.75	Mary Tyler
25	7.00	John Bury Jr	57	12.75	Samuel Allen
26	6.25	William Russell	58	12.75	Samuel Brown
27	6.25	Sam Brown	59	11.25	Joseph Alexander
28	6.25	Wm. Fogg	60	10.50	Calvin March
31	10.00	S. A. Hitchcock	61	10.25	Alfred Hitchcock
32	9.75	Sam Taylor	62	9.50	Sam Smith



1 <sup>st</sup>	Rank	Individuals
62	900	John W. Hays
64	800	Alvan H. Hays
65	625	Henry Hays
66	700	Ezra Hays

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rank	Individuals
67	525	Sam Hittner
68	525	Sam Hittner
69	500	John Hittner
70	500	Sam Hittner

2<sup>nd</sup> rank copy at 10

Reading Room f. Clerk

Sheldon St.

To the Trustees of the First Parish -  
Congregational Society in <sup>the Town</sup> Brimfield

Meeting

Sam are hereby required in the name of the  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn all the  
members of said Parish a Congregational Society qualified  
in the said Town of Brimfield qualified to vote to  
vote in Town Affairs to assemble at the Congregational Hall  
in said Brimfield on Monday the twenty eighth  
day of July current at ten of the clock in the  
afternoon then & there to act on the following articles  
W<sup>ch</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to preside at said  
Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> To see if the Society will vote to purchase of  
the friends moving at cost all the funds recently  
added in the Congregational meeting House in  
said Brimfield & make such other arrangements  
as may be deemed necessary to comply with the  
conditions & carry into effect the objects & purposes  
of a certain Subscription Paper signed by  
John W. Hays & others for the benefit of said Society  
dated Jan<sup>y</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1838 &c

3<sup>rd</sup> To transact any other business that may then  
lawfully come before said meeting

over

Read find not but make due notice of  
this warrant with you doing them to the sub-  
scribing on or before said day of meeting

I am under an 'under' duty at Springfield  
this month day of January 28<sup>th</sup> 1839

Yours Truly  
John M. Warner

Camden S.S. January 21<sup>st</sup> 1839

I have notified & warned  
the members of the First Congregational Society  
to meet as within directed in 'meeting' are attached  
copy of the writ in 'warrant' at the meeting house  
in said Springfield some days before the time of  
holding said meeting

I am Truly  
Respectfully  
Yours Truly

J. R. Brown  
Collector for said

First Meeting Springfield Jan 28<sup>th</sup> 1839

At a legal Meeting of the members of the First  
Church a Congregational Society in Springfield held  
in pursuance of the foregoing warrant  
Rev. Williams was chosen moderator

Voted That the society do purchase all the pews  
or seats in the meeting house recently sold  
by the First Church a Congregational Society in  
Springfield of the persons to whom the same  
were sold on the 11<sup>th</sup> instant & that said  
purchase be made upon the terms & conditions  
specified in a deed this day presented by said  
persons which deed is dated Jan 28<sup>th</sup> 1839 &  
executed by Charles Brown & others

Voted That the society accept of said deed this  
day presented by said Charles Brown & others  
& that the society agree to perform all the  
conditions & trusts in said deed specified



Parish Meeting Jan<sup>y</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1839 Cont<sup>d</sup>

Voted That in consideration that said Amos  
Baker & others have this day conveyed or  
said and the said fees that the said Amos  
Baker & others be discharged from the Town's  
sums for which they purchased said fees on  
the ninth inst.

Voted That the report of the Committee raised to  
audit the ac<sup>t</sup>s of the Building Committee be  
accepted & that the Treasurer be authorized to  
pay all bills included in said report.

Voted That Ebenezer Knight Augustus Wheeler & John  
McNamee be a Committee to examine the Bills  
reported as above & report what portion of them properly  
belong to the Congregational Expenses of the Parish  
also to examine & regulate the ac<sup>t</sup>s of the Treasurer.

Voted That One Hundred Dollars be appropriated  
for defraying the Expenses of fitting up the lower  
room in the Meeting House in said Parish as  
a suitable place for holding Town meetings. If  
required of a suitable study better Parish purposes  
and that Amos Baker, Ebenezer Knight, Augustus Wheeler &  
John McNamee be a Committee to carry the  
same into effect.

Voted That the sum appropriated from the unexpended  
balance accruing from the sale of seats in the  
Meeting House of said Parish One Hundred  
Dollars for the support of singing in said Parish  
such sum of money to be expended during the  
coming year or winter under the direction of  
of a Committee of five of which Committee  
there shall be elected from the Church & the remaining  
two from the Parish at large - Amos Shattuck  
Abner Knapp Augustus Wheeler William Ward and  
John Henry Thomas were chosen this Committee

over

Park Meeting Jan 28<sup>th</sup> 1839 Continued

Resolved That the Reverend Committee of the Parish be authorized to offer Sermons on the meeting House in said Parish & also to contract with some suitable person for taking charge of the same.

Ordered That this Meeting be dissolved at ten o'clock

Attest R. Thompson

Parish Clerk

Cambridge S.S.

To the Collector of the Park Parish or Congregational Society for Religious Worship in the Town of Springfield

Yours are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn all the members of said Parish or Congregational Society, in the said Town of Springfield who are entitled to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the Congregational Hall in said Town on Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January next at 1 o'clock full Town Order to act on the following articles

1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

2<sup>d</sup> To see if the Parish will grant to the Town the use of the meeting house of the meeting House for Town purposes & to choose a committee to confer with a Committee chosen by the Town at their meeting March 4<sup>th</sup> 1839 with reference to a place for holding Town Meetings & to see if such a Committee be necessary

3<sup>d</sup> To act upon any other matters that may then & there legally be submitted





From the ... of ...

... ..



Warrant for Parish Meeting - April 15<sup>th</sup> 1839

Campden ps  
To the Collector of the First Parish  
or Congregational Society for Religious Worship in the  
Town of Brimfield

Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn  
all the members of said Parish or Congregational  
Society in the said Town of Brimfield who are qualified  
to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the Town Hall  
in said Brimfield on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> of April instant  
at one o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act  
on the following articles viz

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting
- 2<sup>d</sup> To choose parish Officers for the year ensuing
- 3<sup>d</sup> To see if the Parish will raise money to pay the  
debts of the of the Society
- 4<sup>th</sup> To see if the Parish will fix on a time for the  
annual rent of the slips in the Meeting House  
and to transact any business that may then  
and there legally come before said Meeting

Hereof fail not to make due return of this Warrant  
with your doings thereon to the subscribers on or before  
said day of Meeting

Given under our hands and seals at Brimfield this  
6<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1839

John W. Warren } President  
Benjamin Sherman } Committee  
of said Parish

Campden ps. April 8<sup>th</sup> 1839

Pursuant to the  
within Warrant I have notified and warned the  
members of the First Parish or Congregational  
Society for Religious Worship in the Town of Brimfield  
to assemble as within directed by posting an attested  
copy of this Warrant at the Meeting House in said  
Town of Brimfield seven days before the time for  
holding said Meeting H. C. R. Brown Collector

A true Copy of the Warrant and the Collector  
return thereon Attest Henry F. Brown Parish Clerk

Parish Meeting April 15<sup>th</sup> 1839

At a legal meeting of the members of the first  
Parish or Congregational Society for Religious Worship  
in Brimfield held at the Union House April 15<sup>th</sup>  
A. D. 1839

Henry Solander was chosen Moderator  
Henry F. Brown was chosen Parish Clerk  
and were by Eliza Wright Esq-  
Ebenezer Williams }  
William M Ward } were chosen Prudential Committee  
Henry Solander }

Lydia M. Brown chosen by Estee Foster June 5<sup>th</sup> 1839

Thomas Hubbard } were chosen Assessors

Augustus Wheeler } sworn by Estee Foster June " "

\* Voted to put up the Collecting of  
Taxes that may be hereafter raised or assessed to the  
legal value ~~at~~ and C. F. Brown was the lowest  
bidder at one and a half per cent and he was  
chosen Collector for the year

Article 3<sup>d</sup> in the Warrant

Voted

That the Committee chosen to reckon with  
the Treasurer be continued and that they report  
at our next meeting in full

Voted

That the report of the Committee chosen to alter  
the inner room of the church be accepted.

Voted

That the annual sale of the slips in the  
church shall hereafter be commencing April  
A. D. 1840 on the day of the annual Meeting  
of the Society

Voted

To Adjourn for two weeks 1 O'clock P M

A true record

Attest

Henry F. Brown

Parish Clerk

\* Thomas Hubbard Jr was  
chosen Treasurer committed at  
the time of recording proceedings



Adjourned Parish Meeting April 29<sup>th</sup> 1839

The members of the Parish met agreeable to adjournment  
the meeting was called to order by the moderator  
Cheney Stetander and on a motion made by  
Eber Williams seconded by W<sup>m</sup> M Ward

Voted that this meeting be dissolved

A true record Attest

Henry F Brown

Parish Clerk

Warrant for Parish Meeting April 29<sup>th</sup> 1839

Hampden ss

To the collector of the first Parish or  
congregational Society for Religious Worship in the town  
of Brimfield

God we hereby require in the name of the Commonwealth  
of Massachusetts to notify and warn all the members  
of said Society qualified to vote in town affairs  
to assemble at the Town Hall, on <sup>on Monday</sup> the 29<sup>th</sup>  
day of April Instant at 1 o'clock P<sup>m</sup> then and  
there to act on the following articles viz

1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting  
2<sup>d</sup> To see if the Society will direct the Officers  
to apportion any part of the forty six hundred  
dollars that was raised last December for the  
purpose of defraying the expenses of attending the  
meeting & to be

3<sup>d</sup> To choose Committees and transact all  
business that may legally come before said meeting  
Hereof said not and make due return of this  
Warrant with your doings there to the subscribers  
on or before said day of meeting

Given under our hand & seal this 17<sup>th</sup> day  
of April 1839

Hampden ss

Eber Williams Prudential

W<sup>m</sup> M Ward

Committee

April 20<sup>th</sup> 1839

of said Society

I have made notice of the within Warrant by posting ten  
attested copies of the same at the Meeting House in  
Brimfield seven days before the day of meeting

A true copy of the Warrant to return

E. F. Brown Collector

Attest Henry F Brown Clerk

Parish Meeting April 29<sup>th</sup> 1839

At a legal Meeting of the Members of the first  
Parish for Congregational Society for Religious  
Worship in Braintree held at the Town House  
April 29<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1839

Lynd R. Brown was chosen Moderator  
Voted

To accept the report of the Committee  
chosen to reckon with the Treasurer (Report next page)  
Voted

To appt. six hundred dollars of  
the forty six hundred dollar raised December  
17<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1838 (at a legal Meeting of the Parish)  
Voted

To pass over the last article in the Warrant  
Voted

To dispose this Meeting  
at three o'clock

Attest  
Henry J. Brown  
Parish Clerk



# Report of the Committee to reckon with the Treasurer April, 1839

The Committee chosen to reckon with the Treasurer of the Parish & report the financial state of its concerns have attended the duty assigned them as far as they were able & make the following report-

On referring to the Parish records April 1837 the Parish were reported in debt to the Rev J Butler \$106,46 B Sherman \$2,00 C Solander \$1,78 J Morgan \$1,25 or so amounting to \$112,02  
Morgan's Comouse Treasurer 1837 based on Certificate \$701,70  
& paid Orders & Debts as per Schedule exhibited before passing the Parish papers into the hands of his successor Thomas Hubbard Jr \$695,57  
and paid to Thomas Hubbard Jr 613

\$701,70

Thomas Hubbard Jr Treasurer recd of M Comouse \$6,13  
refund of J Walker's Order, 25 On Certificate of 1838 \$503,31 \$503,36  
\$509,69

and stands credited by paying balance of J bail's salary to Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 1839 and others debts as per schedule exhibited amounting to \$501,30

Balance in Treasurer hands on certificate of 1838 \$8,19

To amount of subscription & remuneration of Burs 4276,90

" " " " for Carpeting Curtains &c 196,68

Debt due from individuals for Old Meeting House &c

for Stone of bail Dec 1837 Brien 12,20 General Hubbard 2,50

M Comouse 7,13 S. Pynchon 4,77 L. B. 2,52 M. 1,54 C. 3,61

George Bacon 174 P. Hubbard support 360, B. 3,70 for stone window 45,07

J. Hubbard for Carpeting & sets 6,45 E. Smith for Curtains, 80

J. M. Mason Curtains 30 Q. 1,25 P. 1,25 22 8,16

By One years rent on Ship made Jan 1839 700,00

Choice on Ship at Public Sale 163,25

Recd of J Brien for Repairs of Old Meeting House 92,14

Cash Received from Mary Kithbuck Jan 12 1839 122,00

" " Maria Morris Feb 7 1839 - 250,00 447,00

W. Day Jan 7 1839 - 75,00

Amount stands charged to the Treasurer \$3436,39

Jan 1839 By Cash paid L. B. on Contract for Building Meeting House \$3400,00

By paying other debts as per schedule exhibited extra make 638,92

By Cash paid for Burs in Old Meeting House as per receipts 514,58

Debt extinguished & allowed in the subscription of 42,690-201,90

over

Amount of Debt Brought Over \$ 5936.34  
 " " Credit " " 4753.40

By Paid James Brown in behalf of Committee  
 for fitting up the Basement story of the Meeting House  
 as per schedule 110.98

Treasurer stands credited - \$ 4866.38

Which deducted from the debt leaves a balance in  
 the Hands of the Treasurer to be accounted for by him \$ 1070.01

The Committee report the Parish in debt - see Cont. as follows Money borrowed by Treasurer & Co. and exhibit \$ 447.00  
 Interest on the above to Aug. 1841 26.82  
 Loan on Pews not paid for - see relinquished 402.52  
 on the last from Dr. Book \$ 116.00 they are recalled for  
 Jan'y 1841 there will be due Rev. Mr. Gill's salary 600.00  
 Due Rev. Mr. Bishop & Solomon & Co. for rent of the house 15.00  
 Resolved from the church money in sale of ships  
 for ringing for vote of Parish 100.00  
 Making funds Jan'y 1841 & 2300 ringing bells April 3rd 1841 40.00  
 for wood not paid for & split bark supposed to be paid but  
 subject to collection 23.07  
 \$ 1756.34

Deduct Amount in Treasurer's hands 1070.01  
 Balance due from receipt of all money paid for \$ 686.33

All of which is submitted

Bringing forth April 18th 1839 } Ebenezer Knight }  
 John H. Brown } Committee  
 Augustus Wheeler }  
 Thomas Hubbard } Treasurer  
 A true Copy Attest Henry W. Brown } J. Cook



Warrant for Parish Meeting Jan 6<sup>th</sup> 1840

Hampden ss

To the Collector of the First Parish or  
Congregational Society for Religious Worship in Brimfield

Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth to  
notify and cause the members of said society qualified to vote in  
Town affairs to assemble at the Town Hall in Brimfield on  
Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January next at 2 o'clock P.M. then  
and there to act on the following articles

1<sup>st</sup>

To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting

2<sup>d</sup> To see if the society will reconsider a vote passed at a former  
Meeting of said members of said Society to postpone the annual  
sale of the Pews in their said Meeting House until their annual Meeting  
in April next

3<sup>d</sup> To see if the Society will make the necessary arrangements for  
renting the Pews in said House for one year from the first  
day of January next in Conformity with the covenant of said  
Society with the donors of said Pews

4<sup>th</sup> To transact any other business which may legally  
come before said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due  
return of this warrant with your return thereon to the  
subscriber on or before said day of returning

Given under our  
hand and seal this 26<sup>th</sup> day of December 1839

Hampden ss Dec 28<sup>th</sup> 1839 } Ebenezer Williams } President  
Cheney Selander } Committee  
of said society

By virtue of the within warrant I have notified and warned the  
members of the First Parish or Congregational Society in Brimfield  
to meet as within directed by showing up an attested copy of this  
Warrant at the Town Hall on said day, before the time of the within  
mentioned meeting

(C. B. Brown } Collector

A True Copy of the Warrant with the Collectors return

Attest Henry A. Brown } Parish Clerk

Parish Meeting January 6<sup>th</sup> 1840

At a legal meeting of the members of the first Parish or  
Congregational society for Religious Worship in Brimfield  
held in pursuance of the foregoing Warrant  
Ebenzer Williams was chosen Moderator

Voted To reconsider the vote passed at the Parish Meeting held  
April 13<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1839 to postpone the annual sale of Pews in  
their Meeting Room until their annual meeting in April A.D. 1840

Voted That the Pews be rented at auction on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> Inst  
at 1 O'clock P.M. for one year from the first of January 1840

Voted That the sum of six hundred dollars be applied on the ships  
for Parochial expenses and that a committee of five be  
chosen to apply the same Moses Tyler John M Warren Abner  
James Jarvis Shaw & Otis Lane Jr were chosen as this Committee

Voted That ship N<sup>o</sup> 2 be appropriated to the use of the Pastors family  
and that ships N<sup>o</sup> 71 & 72 be in like manner appropriated  
for the accommodation of the poor of the town and that the  
Prudential Committee be authorized to rent all other ships which  
are not taken on the day of public sale

Voted That the sale of the ships be conducted in the same manner  
as last year and that the Prudential Committee be  
authorized to carry this vote into effect and to conduct the  
sale on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> Instant

Voted That a Committee of three be chosen to prepare notes  
to be executed on the day of the sale of Ships Henry  
Brown John M Warren & Otis Lane Committee

Voted That this Meeting be dissolved

A True record

Attest

Henry Brown  
Parish Clerk



# *Roll* *Of the Ship January 13<sup>th</sup> 1841*

<i>Appraised Sale</i>			<i>Appraised Sale</i>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	12.00	13.00	General Lumber	37	9.00 10.00 John H. Warren
" 2			Pashes	38	1.00 1.50 William Brown
" 3	14.00	15.00	S. A. Hitchcock	39	8.00 9.00 John H. Warren
" 4	14.00	15.00	Simon Hitchcock	40	8.00 8.50 John C. Parker
" 5	15.00	16.00	Ezra Perry	41	7.00
" 6	15.00	16.00	Samuel Brown	42	7.00
" 7	15.00	16.00	Murd. Brown	43	8.00 8.50 William L. Warren
" 8	15.00	16.00	James Scudder	44	8.00 8.50 Ed. Brown
" 9	15.00	16.00	John Wyke	45	7.00 10.00 John H. Brown
" 10	15.00	16.00	Margaret Conover	46	7.00 10.00 John Parker
" 11	14.00	15.00	Elias Tarbell	47	7.00 10.00 Benj. Sherman
" 12	14.00	14.25	Thomas Bliss	48	7.00 10.00 David Brown
" 13	13.00	14.00	Erving Hitchcock	49	7.00 10.00 Elias Smith
" 14	13.00			50	7.00 10.00 John Brown
" 15	12.00	13.00	Chas. L. Brown	51	7.00 10.00 James Smith
" 16	12.00	13.00	James Cutting	52	7.00 10.00 Moses Lyke
" 17	11.00	12.00	Jonathan Emerson	53	7.00 10.00 James Brown
" 18	11.00			54	7.00 10.00 Solomon Brown
" 19	10.00	11.00	Levi Clark	55	8.00 9.00 William Brown
" 20	10.00			56	8.00 9.00 James Brown
" 21	9.00			57	8.00 9.00 William Brown
" 22	9.00			58	8.00 8.50 James Hitchcock
" 23	7.00			59	7.00 8.00 Alfred Hitchcock
" 24	7.00	7.00	Puffer & Wright	60	7.00 7.50 William Brown
" 25	6.50	6.25	General Allen	61	6.00 7.00 Simon L. Brown
" 26	6.00			62	6.00 7.00 William Brown
" 27	5.00			63	5.00 6.00 John Brown
" 28	5.00	5.30	A. M. Briggs	64	5.00 6.00 William Brown
" 29			Free	65	5.00
" 30			Free	66	5.00 5.25 Elkanah Spring
" 31	8.00	8.06	V. H. Brown	67	4.00 5.00 Joseph H. Brown
" 32	8.00			68	4.00 4.25 James L. Briggs
" 33	8.00	9.00	Thomas Hitchcock	69	3.00 3.50 Alfred Smith
" 34	8.00	9.00	C. R. Brown	70	3.00
" 35	9.00	10.00	Orson Sherman	71	2.00 7.50 Free
" 36	9.00	10.00	Timothy Bliss	72	

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A true record M. H.

H. F. Brown

Clerk

Warrant for Parish Meeting Apr 21<sup>th</sup>

Hampton Is to the Care of the First  
Congregational Society of Brimfield

Greeting  
You are hereby requested in the name of  
the Corporation of this town to cause  
all the legal votes of sd Society to assemble at  
the Town Hall in Brimfield on Monday the  
20<sup>th</sup> day of April 1840 at 1 o'clock P.M.  
then & there to act on the following articles viz.

Art 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to govern sd Meeting

Art 2<sup>d</sup> To choose all the Officers of sd Society for  
the year ensuing

Art 3<sup>d</sup> To raise money for the salary of the Sec<sup>y</sup> & tell

Art 4<sup>th</sup> To raise money for contingent expenses

Art 5<sup>th</sup> To hear report of Committee & act thereon

Art 6<sup>th</sup> And Transact any other business that  
may lawfully come before the Society

And you  
are directed to serve this Warrant by posting an  
attested Copy thereof at the meeting House in sd  
Brimfield at least seven days before the time of  
holding said meeting. If you fail not to do so  
but off this Warrant make due return to the Clerk  
with your doings thereon at the time & place  
above mentioned

Given under our hands &  
seal at Brimfield this Eighth day of April  
A.D. 1840

Erben Williams }  
Cheney Solander } President  
Wm M Ward } Committee



Hampton 6 Apr 13<sup>th</sup> 1840

I have made service  
of this Warrant by posting up an attested copy of  
the same at the Meeting House seven days  
before the time for holding the within  
mentioned Meeting

A true <sup>copy</sup> of the Warrant & the Collector's return  
Attest

H. F. Brown, Clerk

## Parish Meeting Apr 20<sup>th</sup> 1840

At a Meeting of the members of the Society held  
in pursuance of the foregoing Warrant Apr 20<sup>th</sup> 1840

Sir Henry Warren was chosen Moderator  
Henry F. Brown was chosen Clerk & read

Marquis Conover

John M Warren

Cheney Solander

Was chosen Prudential Committee

Alfred Horner

Samuel Shaw

Newton S Hubbard

were chosen A. S. Secs

Thomas Hubbard Jr was " Treasurer

W<sup>m</sup> M Ward " " Collector

Voted To raise six hundred dollars for the Rev Joseph  
Dail's salary

Voted That the Prudential Committee be  
instructed to settle with the Treasurer & report  
at the next meeting in full

Voted That any action on the fourth article be  
deferred until a future meeting

Voted That the report of the singing Committee be accepted

Voted That a Committee of 3 be chosen to procure the  
names of such persons as are willing to become members of the  
Society Marquis Conover Alfred Horner Cheney Solander Com

Voted That W<sup>m</sup> M Ward be authorized to collect the Taxes

the present year free of expense to the society

Voted That this Meeting be adjourned to Monday May 18<sup>th</sup> 1840

A True recd. Attest H. F. Brown

Clerk

Parish Meeting May 20<sup>th</sup> 1840

These Members of the Parish met at  
the Town House agreeable to adjournment

The Moderator ~~John~~ Henry Warren  
being absent Albert Stearn was chosen  
Moderator Protem

Henry Slander reported  
the amount of Debts against the Society

And on motion of E. Knight it  
was voted

That The Treasurer be authorized  
to borrow money to pay such claims  
as are legally presented against the  
Society whilst he has no funds in his  
hands for such purpose

Noted That this Meeting be dissolved  
A True record

Attest H. P. Brown Clerk

Warrant for Parish Meeting Dec 21<sup>st</sup> 1840

Hampden ss

To the Collector of the First  
Parish or Congregational Society in Brimfield  
Meeting

You are hereby required in the name of the  
Commonwealth to notify and warn the  
members of said society qualified to vote  
in Town affairs to assemble at the Town  
Hall in said Brimfield on Monday the  
21<sup>st</sup> of December at two o'clock P M  
then and there to act on the following  
articles viz

1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside at said  
meeting

up



2<sup>d</sup> To see if the society will make the necessary arrangements for renting the Pews in said House for one year from the first day of January next in conformity with the covenant of said Society with the Honors of said Pews

3<sup>d</sup> To see if the Society will agree to alter if possible with the Donors and rent said Pews the coming year up to April or May 1842 so as to change the time of renting said Pews

4<sup>th</sup> To hear reports of Committees and transact any other business which may legally come before them

Sheriff fail not and make due return of this warrant with doings to the subscribers on or before said day of Meeting Given under our hands and seal this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December 1840

Margm's Council }  
John M. Haven }  
} President  
} Com of sd  
} Society

Collector Return

Dec 12<sup>th</sup> 1840

Hampden ss

I hereby certify that I have notified and warned the members of said Parish by posting up this day an attested copy of this of this Warrant at the Meeting House in Brimfield

W<sup>m</sup> M. Ward }  
} Collector of  
} said Society  
A true copy of the Warrant }  
and the Collectors return thereon }

Attest

H. P. Brown  
Clerk

# Parish Meeting Dec 21st 1840

At a meeting of the members of the Parish held in pursuance of the foregoing warrant William McHard was chosen Moderator

Voted That a committee of five be chosen to appraise the ships C. R. Brown, Linus Homer Marquis Conner Alured Homer & Nathaniel Parker were chosen as this Committee

On Motion of E. Wright it was voted that a committee of three be chosen to confer with the Grantors of the ~~Meeting~~ of the Meeting House and see if they will consent that the ships shall be rented from January 1st 1841 to April 1st 1842 and afterwards annually from the first of April and that the sale of said ships shall be made in the month of April on such day as the Prudential Committee shall appoint  
Otho Lane Eber Williams & Wheeler Come

The Prudential Committee then reported the condition of the financial affairs of the Society not accepted

It was then voted that the Committee chosen to appraise the ships appraise seven Hundred dollars on the same

Voted That ship No 2 be appropriated to the use of the Pastors Family & ship No 71 & 72 in like manner for the Poor of the town and that the Prudential Committee be authorized to rent all other ships which are not taken on the day of sale

Voted That the ships be rented on the 1st of December at one o'clock P M

Voted That the Prudential Committee sell the ships

up



Voted That the Clerk record on the Parish Book the names of the members of the Society

Voted That Treasurer be directed to pay for no more Old Buss excepting to those who have legal claims

Voted That all money raised at the sale of the ships over seven hundred dollars be appropriated for the support of singing (this motion was made by H. H. Brown)

Voted So adjourn to Thursday Dec 31st at One o'clock P.M.

The Meeting then adjourned  
A True record

Attest H. H. Brown  
Clerk

Thursday December 31st 1841

The members of the Parish met agreeable to adjournment - meeting called to order by the moderator W<sup>m</sup> M. Ward

Voted That the motion introduced by Fitz Henry Warren appropriating all money raised at the sale of the ships over seven hundred dollars for the support of singing be reconsidered

On motion of Fitz Henry Warren it was voted

That any sum of money over and above the amount expended upon each ship shall be appropriated for the benefit of the choir of singers belonging to the Society said sum or sums to be expended under the direction of the prudential committee of said society

The Committee chosen to confer with the grantors of the Meetinghouse reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them & obtained their written agreement according to the request of the Society (for record of agreement see next page) Report accepted

We the undersigned donors of the pews in the  
Congregational Meeting House in Brimfield  
hereby agree and consent that the first  
Congregational Society in Brimfield at their  
next annual sale of the Pews may rent  
said Pews for any length of time not  
exceeding sixteen months (as they may think proper)  
in order to bring the annual renting of said  
either in the month of April or May of each  
succeeding year as said society may determine  
without prejudice to the conditions upon which  
said Pews were granted.

Brimfield Dec 21st 1840

S. A. Hitchcock  
John M. Warren  
Eberuzen T. Knight  
Samuel Sumner  
Fitz Henry Warren  
C. R. Brown  
John Nyles  
Thomas Tyler

Wm. M. Hard  
Alvin Larus  
Percival Parker  
Linus Hooper  
Oliver Blair  
Benjamin Sherman  
Abner Hooper  
David Hooper

The above was adopted by the Society

I was then voted to reconsider the motion  
made by Eber Knight - to rent the ships from  
January 1st 1841 to April 1st 1842 &c

I was then voted

that the ships be rented from  
January 1st 1841 to May 1st 1842 and afterwards  
annually from the first of May & that the  
sale of said ships shall be made in the months  
of April on such day as the Prudential Committee  
shall appoint

Voted That this Meeting be adjourned

Attest H. P. Brown  
Clerk



Brimfield December 31st 1840

The ships in the Meeting House of the First Baptist or Congregational Society of Brimfield were rented at one o'clock P. M. under the direction of the Prudential Committee on the following conditions viz

The ships were rented for one year & four months payment for the first twelve months to be made on the first of January<sup>12</sup> 1842 the amount due at that time will be the appraisment now made & the choice money bid at the time of sale. The rent for the remaining four months will become due on the first of May 1842 the amount due at that time will be one third of the amount appraised on each ship Dec 31st 1840 exclusive of choice money. The ships were then rented to the following persons

### Sale

Names	No of ship	Appraisal		Amount	of sale	Names	No of ship	Appraisal		Amount	of sale
		\$	cts	\$	cts			\$	cts	\$	cts
	1	13	00			John McWarren	37	11	00	12	50
Pastors Fee	2					Fitz Henry Warren	38	11	00	13	75
Samuel Lumbard	3	15	00	16	75	Jos. D. Brown	39	11	00	11	50
Simon Hubbard	4	15	00	16	25	C. H. Mottrey	40	11	00	12	25
S. A. Hitchcock	5	15	00	17	25	W. Fay	41	8	00	9	00
Solomon Homer	6	15	00	15	25		42	8	00		
Cyra Peres	7	15	00	16	75	Benj Sherman	43	9	50	10	00
James Kenton	8	15	00	16	00		44	9	50		
Alvin Homer	9	15	00	16	25	John W. Blp	45	11	00	12	25
C. R. Brown	10	15	00	15	00	Cyrus Janes	46	11	00	12	00
Chas Tarbell	11	15	00	16	00	Edw Fairbank	47	11	00	11	75
Thomas Blp	12	15	00	15	25	John Paine	48	11	00	11	00
John Hyles	13	15	00	15	75	David C. C.	49	11	00		
	14	15	00			David Homer	50	11	00	11	00
Otis Lane	15	14	00	14	75	Darius Shaw	51	11	00	11	25
	16	14	00			Moses Lybr	52	11	00	11	00
W. J. Sherman	17	12	50	12	50	James Brown	53	11	00	12	00
	18	12	50			Chas Solondor	54	11	00	11	00
	19	11	00			Harvey Lumbard	55	11	00	11	25
	20	11	00			Emory Pierce	56	11	00	11	00
				over						over	

	21	10 00			Henrich & Loutillott	57	11 00	11 00
	22	10 00				58	11 00	
	23	8 00			Oliver Hitchcock	59	9 50	9 75
John C. Dapin	24	8 00	8 00		Harvey Fenton	60	9 50	9 50
John Bemis Jr	25	7 00	8 00		Larkia Aphanis	61	8 50	8 50
	26	7 00				62	8 50	
Alfred Hitchcock	27	6 00	6 00		Clark & Dean	63	7 50	7 50
Albion W Briggs	28	6 00	6 00		Solomon Bond	64	7 50	7 50
	29				Calvin Marsh	65	7 00	8 00
	30					66	7 00	
Eli Barrows	31	8 50	8 50		Johnson Birbe	67	6 00	6 00
Isaac Daniel Parker	32	8 50	8 50			68	6 00	
Morris Conner	33	10 00	11 00		Joseph Alexander	69	5 00	6 00
Olin Blain	34	10 00	11 00			70	5 00	
Eliah Turtell	35	11 00	12 25		Free	71		7 37 5
Jacob Bishop	36	11 00	12 50		Free	72		

91 75  
 75 25  
 108 75  
 194 50  
 563 75

A True Record

Attest

H. F. Brown  
 Clerk



Warrant for Parish Meeting, April 19<sup>th</sup> 1841.

Hampden S. To the Collector of the first Congregational Society, of Brimfield - Greeting -

You are hereby requested in the name of the Commonwealth of Mass. to notify and warn all the legal voters of said Society to assemble at the Town Hall in Brimfield on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> day of April just at ten o'clock P.M. then & there to act on the following articles viz -  
Art 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting -  
Art 2<sup>nd</sup> To choose all the Officers for said Society for the year ensuing -

Art 3<sup>rd</sup> To raise money for the Salary of Rev. Mr. Bailey

Art 4<sup>th</sup> To raise money for contingent expenses -

Art 5<sup>th</sup> To do such what measures the Society will adopt relative to the unsettled Pew in the Old Church -

To hear the report of Committees & transact any other business that may legally come before the Society

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Meeting House in said Brimfield at least seven days before the time of holding said Meeting

Kindly fail not of making due return of this warrant to the Collector with your doings therein at the time & place above mentioned -

Given under our hands & seal at Brimfield this eight day of April A.D. 1841 -

Marquis Converse } Prudential  
John M. Warren } Committee  
Clancy Colander }

Hampden S. April 8<sup>th</sup> 1841 -

In obedience of the within warrant I hereby certify, that I have notified & warned the members of said Parish agreeable to the within directions.

W. M. Ware Collector

A true Copy -

P. G. Hubbard Parish Clerk



# Parish Meeting April 19<sup>th</sup> 1841.

At a legal meeting of the members of  
the first Parish or Congregational society  
for Religious worship in Brimfield held in  
pursuance of the foregoing warrant -

W<sup>m</sup> M Ward was chosen Moderator  
P. G. Hubbard Clerk & sworn by Edw Knight

H. F. Brown }  
Solomon Homer } Prudential Committee  
Eli Barrows }

Samuel Shaw }  
Solomon Homer } were chosen assessors  
W<sup>m</sup> J Sherman }

W<sup>m</sup> M Ward - Treasurer

Cheney Glander - Collector

Voted - To raise six hundred dollars for  
Rev. Mr. Bailer's Salary

Voted To pass over the 4<sup>th</sup> article

Voted To pass over the 5<sup>th</sup> article

Voted To adjourn this meeting one week from  
this day two O'clock P.M.

Attest - P. G. Hubbard Parish Clerk

Adjourned Parish Meeting April 26<sup>th</sup> 1841 -

The members of the Parish met agree-  
able to adjournment. the meeting was  
called to order by the Moderator W<sup>m</sup> M  
Ward. after which it was -

Voted. To accept the report of Prudential Committee

Voted. To pass over the 4<sup>th</sup> article -

Voted. That the Parish pay for the old Pews not  
paid for nor relinquished if legal or satis-  
factory claims be presented within three months  
from the first day of May -



Voted - To choose a Committee of one to make  
payment for said Pews according to the  
above vote - Eben Knight was chosen

Voted - To pay said Committee the amount he shall  
pay for said Pews & interest from the time  
payments are made until the Parish shall  
pay the same

Voted - That this meeting be adjourned to meet at  
the Town Hall on Friday the first day of October next  
at one O'clock P. M.

Attest -

P. G. Hubbard, Parish Clerk.

Adjourned Parish Meeting Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 1841

The members of the Parish met agreeable  
to adjournment. The meeting was called to order  
by the moderator W<sup>m</sup> M. Ward, and on motion  
made by H. F. Brown & seconded by Eli Barrows it  
was Voted that this meeting be adjourned one  
week from this day to meet at two O'clock P. M.

A true record attest:

P. G. Hubbard, Parish Clerk.

Warrant for Parish Meeting Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 1841

Hampden Ss.

To the Collector of the first  
Parish or Congregational Society for Religious  
worship in the town of Brimfield.

Grating  
You are & hereby required in the name of  
the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify  
& warn all the members of said Parish or Congre-  
gational Society in said town of Brimfield who  
are qualified to vote in town affairs to assemble  
in the Town Hall in said Brimfield on Friday  
the eighth day of October next at one O'clock  
in the afternoon then & there to act on the follow-  
ing article - viz

- Art. 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to regulate the Meeting -
- 2<sup>nd</sup> To hear a Communication from the Rev. Joseph Baill requesting a dismission -
- 3<sup>rd</sup> To see if the Parish of Congregational Society will grant the request of the petition and consent to have the connexion between him and the Parish in the Gospel Ministry dissolved -
- 4<sup>th</sup> To adopt all proper measures in case of complying with the petition to carry the same into effect and make provision for the future supply of the Sisk
- 5<sup>th</sup> To direct by whom the debts due the Parish shall be collected and what compensation they will give for the service -
- 6<sup>th</sup> To transact all further business which may legally come before said Meeting -
- Then of said not and make and return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Parish Clerk at or before the time of 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting Given under our hands and seal the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, A.D. 1841 -

Henry F. Brown }  
Abner Homer } Prudential  
Eli Barnor } Committee

Hampden S.

I hereby certify that I have notified and warned the members of said Parish by posting up this day an attested copy of this warrant at the Meeting House in Springfield

Springfield Sept 29<sup>th</sup> 1841 } Henry F. Chandler } Collector

A true copy of the Warrant & the collectors return  
Attest

P. G. Hubbard Parish Clerk



Parish Meeting Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 1841

At a legal meeting of the members of the first  
Parish or Congregational Society for Religious  
worship in Springfield held in pursuance of the  
foregoing warrant.

Mr M Ward was chosen Moderator

Voted - To grant Mr. Vail his request

Voted - To choose a Committee of three to carry the  
same into effect - L. A. Hitchcock Oliver  
Blair Solomon Homer & Committee

Voted - To choose a Committee of five to make provision  
for the future supply of the desk - L. A. Hitchcock  
P. M. Paige, C. R. Brown, G. Lane, J. Burt, Com.

Voted - To set up the collecting of the debts due the so-  
ciety to the lowest bidder - sold to City Lane  
at 1 1/4 per cent.

Voted - That this meeting be dissolved -

A true Copy

Attest - P. G. Hubbard Parish Clerk

Adjourned Parish Meeting Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 1841

The members of the Parish met agreeable to adj-  
ournment. the meeting was called to order by the  
Moderator Mr M Ward - it was then

Voted - To choose a Committee of three to prepare &  
circulate subscription papers to procure  
funds for the payment of the Parish debt  
Committee - Abner Homer, Cherry Golaner  
Henry B. Brown

A true Copy

Attest - P. G. Hubbard, Parish Clerk

Thomas Hubbard & Treasurer, in account  
with the first Parish or Congregational Society  
in Brimfield

1839	Dr	Cash recd for Stone Windows &c	53	15
April	"	" & unpaid subscription	184	61
"	"	rent for slips for 1839	56	28
"	"	amt Certificate for 1839	663	27
Aug 1	"	Cash recd for stove pipe &c	15	86
1841	"	rent for slips for 1841	613	44
"	"	Cash Borrowed of Margaret Bishop	70	00
"	"	error in account (overpaid Samy Brown)	6	64
			<u>\$</u>	<u>2379 22</u>

1839	Cr			
April	Dr	discount on note paid before maturity	4	14
"	"	paid out for Orders as exhibited	926	56
"	"	on note to Maria Minick principal & interest	266	28
"	"	" " " " Mary Hitchcock	122	89
"	"	" " " " for old Pews as for Receipts	192	83
"	"	discount on slip rented G. Williams	1	69
"	"	" " " " Samy Courtellott	3	00
"	"	paid postage on letter (insurance office)		06
"	"	Samy Brown	25	48
"	"	for Treasurer Book	1	50
"	"	amount of Pew rent not collected	12	13
"	"	Cash per Committee balance of acct	14	58
			<u>\$</u>	<u>2379 22</u>

Due Ebenezer Knight cash per old pwy	56	64
" Wm Fay on note principal & interest	87	37
" Margaret Bishop on note " "	73	50
		<u>\$ 217 51</u>

1841	Oct 1	Cash on hand	14	58
		amount of debt uncollected	12	13
		Balance carried down	190	83
			<u>\$</u>	<u>217 51</u>

Balance brot down 190 83



Warrant for Parish Meeting Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> 1841.

Hampden P.

To the Collector of the first  
Parish of Congregational Society for Religious  
Worship in Brimfield. Meeting

You are hereby required in the name of  
the Commonwealth to warn all the members  
of said Parish qualified to vote in town af-  
fairs to assemble at the Town Hall in sd Brim-  
field on Tuesday the fourteenth day of December  
next at one o'clock P.M. and then to act on  
the following articles. viz.

Art 1<sup>st</sup>. To choose a Moderator to regulate sd Meeting

Art 2<sup>d</sup> To see if the Society will unite with  
the church in extending an invitation to the  
Rev. George C Partridge of Hatfield to settle over  
them in the Gospel Ministry

Art 3<sup>d</sup> To transact all regular business that  
may come before the meeting

And you are  
required to serve this warrant by posting  
up an attested copy of the same at the  
Meeting House in sd Brimfield seven days  
before the time of holding said meeting

Penalty fail not and make due return  
of this warrant into the Clerk on or before the  
said day of meeting

Given under our hands & seal this sixth  
day of December A.D. 1841

Henry F. Brown } Prudential  
Solomon Homer } Committee  
Eli Barrows }

This certifies that I have served the within war-  
rant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the  
Meeting House seven days before the time of holding  
sd Meeting.

Chas. Holander } Collector

A true copy of the Warrant & the collector return

attest

J. J. Hubbard Parish Clerk

## Parish Meeting December 14<sup>th</sup> 1841

The members of the first Parish or Congregational Society in Springfield met in pursuance of the foregoing warrant at the Town Hall. Mr M Ward was chosen Moderator.

Voted - To adjourn this meeting <sup>until Friday</sup> ~~on next~~ <sup>of the present week</sup> from ~~this day~~ to meet at the Town Hall

## Adjourned Parish Meeting Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 1841

The members of the first Parish or Congregational Society in Springfield met pursuant to adjournment. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator Mr M Ward.

Voted - To adjourn this meeting to Monday next Dec 21<sup>st</sup>

## Parish Meeting December 21<sup>st</sup> 1841

The members of the first Parish or Congregational Society in Springfield met pursuant to adjournment. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator Mr M Ward.

Voted - That the Parish concur with the church in extending an invitation to the Rev George C Partridge to settle over them in the gospel ministry.

Voted - That the Parish will pay an annual salary to the Rev George C Partridge provided he become their settled minister of six hundred dollars so long as he remain such, & releasing him two Sabats a year.

Voted - That a committee of four be chosen from the Parish to act with the Com of the Church in communicating the doings of this meeting to the Rev Geo C Partridge.



Abner Homer }  
 Sarias Shaw } Committee  
 Chury Glander }  
 Harky & Briggs }

Voted To leave the furnishing of the Town  
 Hall with fuel & lights with the pre-  
 sential Committee.

Voted That this meeting be dissolved

a true copy  
 attest P. G. Hubbard Parish Clerk

Warrant for Parish Meeting Aug 17<sup>th</sup> 1842

Hampden ss To Chury Glander Collector  
 of the first Parish or Congregational Society  
 in Springfield for Religious Worship.

You are hereby required in the name  
 of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to  
 warn all the members of said Society qualified  
 to vote in town affairs to assemble at the Town  
 Hall in sd Springfield on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> Inst-  
 about two o'clock P.M. then & there to act on  
 the following articles - viz

Art 1<sup>st</sup> To hear and act upon

Art 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to regulate sd Meeting

Art 2<sup>d</sup> To hear & act upon communications  
 made by Rev. George C Partridge to this Committee

Art 3<sup>d</sup> To transact any business that may  
 legally come before the Meeting -

And you are required to serve this warrant  
 by posting an attested copy of the same at the  
 Meeting House seven days before the time of hold-  
 ing sd Meeting

Herof fail not I make an  
return of this Warrant with your doing,  
thence into the Clerk on or before the  
day of Meeting

Given under our hands  
& seal this tenth day of July A.D. 1842.

Henry H. Brown } Parish  
Solomon Homer } Committee

Campden St.

This certifies that I have  
made service of the warrant by posting  
an attested copy thereof at the Meeting  
House seven days before the time of holding  
sa Meeting

Phiney Solander Collector

'Parish Meeting July 17<sup>th</sup> 1842

At a legal meeting of the members  
of the first parish or congregational Society  
in Brimfield held in pursuance of the  
foregoing Warrant.

Capt Sarias Shaw was chosen Moderator

And that the communication from  
the Rev. George C. Partridge be referred to  
a Committee of five to be appointed by the  
Chair - to consider and report to this Meeting

J. A. Hitchcock }  
Wm M Ward }  
Marquis Convers } Committee  
Alfred Homer }  
Moses Tyler }

Report

Your committee to whom was referred  
a communication from the Rev. Mr. Partridge  
have had the same under consideration &  
now ask leave to report as follows -



With regard to the proposition in reference to a House - your committee would recommend that the Committee of invitation be requested to make inquiries and ascertain if a suitable House can be had at a fair rent and also the probabilities of his being able to hire it for a term of years if desirable and report the facts to the Rev. Mr. Partridge and as regards the other proposition in relation to the Salary - your committee are decidedly of opinion that a Salary of 600. dollars judiciously managed in this town where the expenses of living are comparatively small will afford a Pastor and his family a respectable and comfortable living & therefore that it is inexpedient and unnecessary to give any assurances or pledges that the Salary will be increased -

Yrs which is respectfully submitted  
by order of the committee  
S. A. Hitchcock - Chairman

Resolved We guarantee a House to the Rev. Mr. Partridge so long as he shall remain our minister, by paying a suitable rent - Also to authorize the Committee to hire for him the present year

Resolved We adopt the last part of the report

Resolved That this meeting be dissolved  
A true record

Attest. T. G. Hubbard Parish Clerk

1842  
Warrant for Parish Meeting, April 18<sup>th</sup>

Hampden St. No. 11, New Bedford  
Collector of the first Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield

Quoting  
You are hereby directed in the name of  
the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
to notify & warn all the legal voters of  
said Parish to assemble at the Town  
Hall in said Brimfield on Monday  
the eighteenth inst. at one o'clock P. M.  
then and there to act upon the follow-  
ing articles viz.

- Art 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to regulate  
said Meeting.
- Art 2<sup>d</sup> To choose all the Officers of said  
Society for the year ensuing.
- Art 3<sup>d</sup> To hear the report of the Prudential  
Committee.
- Art 4<sup>th</sup> To see if the Society will raise and  
appropriate money for the payment  
of the Rev. George C. Fairbridge Salary  
for the support of Singing & for the  
contingent expenses of the Society  
for the year ensuing and if so  
choose a Committee to assess the  
same upon such slips as the Soc-  
iety shall direct.
- Art 5<sup>th</sup> To see if the Society will take any  
measures to repair the Meeting House  
according to the covenant with the  
Grantors of said House & if so raise  
money to carry the same into effect.
- Art 6<sup>th</sup> To raise and appropriate money  
for the payment of debts due from  
the Society.
- Art 7<sup>th</sup> To see if the Society will direct  
by whom and at what times the  
rent of the slips shall be collected.



and if so take such measures as will enable  
him to secure the prompt payment of  
the same.

Art<sup>th</sup> To transact all other business that  
may legally come before said meeting.

And you  
are required to serve this Warrant by  
posting up an attested copy of the  
same at the Meeting House seven days  
before the time of holding sd meeting  
If you fail not to make due return of  
this warrant with your doings thereon  
unto the Clerk on or before the day of  
said meeting.

Given under our hand  
and seal this seventh day of April  
1842

M<sup>th</sup> H. Brown (President)  
Eli Barrows (Committee)

Hampden Ss.

This certifies that I have served the within  
in Warrant by posting up an attested  
copy thereof at the Meeting-house seven  
days before the time of holding sd meeting

Henry H. Bland, Parish Clerk

A true copy

Jeremiah Birt, Parish Clerk

Parish Meeting April 18<sup>th</sup> 1842.

At a legal Meeting of the first Parish  
or Congregational Society in Brimfield  
held in pursuance of the foregoing  
Warrant, The clerk being absent the  
Meeting was called to order by the  
Chairman of the Prudential Committee

When Mr. Ward was chosen, Moderator,  
Journaler, Clerk & Sworn.

Asst. Sec. Brown, } Prudential Committee  
Augustus Wheeler }  
Amos Hildreth }

Capt D. Shaw } Assessors  
Capt S. Homer }  
Chas. Lane }  
Sworn

When Mr. Ward } Treasurer  
Sworn

Elw. Basson } Collector  
Sworn

Voted, To accept the report of the Committee  
Voted To raise \$100, for the support of  
the Rev George C. Parkhurst for the  
year ensuing;

Voted, That the Committee be authorised  
to furnish room fuel & lights for  
the use of the Singers

Voted To raise \$700. & Assess the same  
upon the Slaves

Voted, To choose a Committee to appraise  
the Slaves



Voted, That this Committee consist of

S. J. Whitehead  
Capt. D. Shaw  
Capt. S. Hopper jun  
Henry, Alexander  
Perenniah Hunt

Voted To Choose a Committee to repair  
the Meeting-house, the Committee  
were, S. J. Whitehead  
Benjamin Parker  
Capt. D. Shaw

Voted, That the Treasurer be authorized  
to raise money for said repairs

Voted That, Slips No, 2, 71 & 72 be Free

Voted To raise \$400, by taxation

Voted That the collection of Taxes and  
few cents be set up to the lowest  
bidder the collector to receive Taxes  
for the rent on Slips made payable  
on the first of April next the  
said collector be required to make  
a final settlement with the  
Treasurer three days before the annual  
meeting in April next or forfeit  
all compensation for the same  
compensation for collecting eleven dollars  
Voted To dissolve the Meeting

J. Hunt, Record

Albert Perenniah Hunt  
Parish Clerk

# Rent of Ships

1 <sup>st</sup> Rent		2 <sup>nd</sup> Rent	
Names		Names	
1	12.50	1	11.50
2		2	11.50
3	10.50	3	11.50
4	10.00	4	10.00
5	10.00	5	10.50
6	10.50	6	8.00
7	10.50	7	8.00
8	10.50	8	9.75
9	10.00	9	9.00
10	10.50	10	11.50
11	15.00	11	11.10
12	15.00	12	11.50
13	14.00	13	11.10
14	14.50	14	11.00
15	13.50	15	11.25
16	13.00	16	11.50
17	12.00	17	11.10
18	12.00	18	11.25
19	10.50	19	11.00
20	10.50	20	10.75
21	9.50	21	10.75
22		22	10.25
23	8.50	23	10.00
24	8.50	24	9.00
25		25	9.00
26		26	8.00
27	6.00	27	8.50
28	6.00	28	7.50
29		29	7.50
30		30	6.00
31	9.00	31	6.00
32	9.00	32	5.00
33	10.50	33	5.00
34	10.50	34	4.75
35	12.00	35	4.50

A true copy attest  
J. Burt, Clerk



Warrant for Rec. & Detention April 17<sup>th</sup> 1855

Hampden St.

L. S.

first - arisen in England - see next  
1831 - 1832

You are desired to invite the members of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to assemble and warn all the legal voters of said State to assemble at the Town Hall in said Boston at 10 o'clock on the seventeenth instant at 10 o'clock, A.M. there and there to act on the following articles, viz

1<sup>st</sup>  $\frac{1}{2}$  ounce of powdered tartar emetic, with

3<sup>rd</sup> To hear the report: the Bot. Soc. has been

1<sup>st</sup> The Society will raise and appropriate money for the support of the 2<sup>d</sup> Mass. C.  
Bible Society for the support of missions, and  
for the contingent expenses of the Society for  
the year ending and of a benevolent institution to  
be the same year and of a benevolent institution  
shall direct.

5<sup>th</sup> To direct or inform me at what time the rent  
of the ship shall be collected

8<sup>th</sup> To Mr. J. H. Smith, with hope and love, are the  
sentiments of the Senate.

7<sup>th</sup> To one of the above, viz. to R. C. Brown, of  
London, it being the different address of  
him in the present & E. H. Street

Warrant Continued

8<sup>th</sup> To transmit all other business that may  
equally come before said meeting.

And you are required to serve this  
warrant by pasting an attested copy of the  
same at the Meeting House seven days at least  
before the time of holding said meeting.

Verd. I did not and have there this warrant  
with what doings thereon on the day of said  
meeting.

Given under our hands and  
seal this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 1843

E. B. Brown } President  
J. A. Carter } Committee

Christen  
I certify that I have ser-  
ved the foregoing warrant by pasting up an  
attested copy of the same at the meeting  
house & will comply with the law at least  
before the time of holding said meeting.

Wilmington April 17<sup>th</sup> 1843 Eli Brown Collector

A true copy of the Warrant and of  
the Collected return thereon

Attest: John D. Washburn  
Clerk



## Parish Meeting April 27<sup>th</sup> 1843

At a legal meeting of the first Parish  
convened at the residence of the Rev. Mr. [unclear]  
for the purpose of the [unclear] [unclear]

Wm. [unclear] was chosen Moderator

Robert H. Hubbard was chosen Clerk [unclear]

Shared [unclear]

Otis Lane } were chosen Prudential Com.  
Palmon Moon }

Charles Shaw }  
Almon Kamep } were chosen Assessors  
Robert Hubbard }

Voted That the office of Collector and Treasurer  
be united

Voted That the Collector and Treasurer be paid  
\$5 Dollars for his services and after balloting  
several times and find no one who would  
take the office for that sum it was voted  
that the vote be reconsidered

Voted That the collection of money be made  
to be exacted by the [unclear] and the person who  
takes the collection must be a [unclear] Col-  
lector and Treasurer of the Parish and that  
the person so [unclear] or [unclear] to be sent  
to the satisfaction of the Prudential Committee  
and to Charles Hubbard for [unclear] and  
\$2 per [unclear]

Voted That [unclear] [unclear] or [unclear] [unclear]  
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

Voted To accept the report of the Prudential Commit-  
tee

Voted To raise \$600 for the support of the Rev. George  
C. [unclear] for the year ending

Voted That the sum of forty Dollars be raised by the  
society to be appropriated by the Prudential Com-  
mittee together with the [unclear] of the [unclear] [unclear]  
for the benefit of [unclear]

## April Meeting Continued

- voted To raise \$100 a contingent expenses  
voted That the same can be assessed on the slips  
that was sent out  
voted To choose a committee to mark the slips

John H. Hatcher }  
F. L. Ward } were chosen Committee  
Chas. Blander }

- voted That the date on slip sent become due  
the first of April 1844.  
voted To pay for the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the Harriet  
voted That a committee be chosen to visit  
and to report to Mr. Warren \$50, which we  
advanced to Mr. Hatcher as saying  
voted That the said committee be the subscrip-  
tion money  
voted To recommend the out debt to Ed. Warren's  
collection  
voted That the Prudential Committee be author-  
ized to get some stamps for notes  
voted That this meeting be adjourned to Wednesday  
April 26 one o'clock P.M.

I have recorded

Attest Charles T. Hubbard  
Parish Clerk

## Parish Meeting Apr 26<sup>th</sup> 1843

Agreeable to adjournment the members of  
the first Parish or Congregational Society of  
Brimfield met at their usual place. The  
meeting was called to order by the moderator  
Wm. H. Ward

- voted That there be a committee of three to solicit  
individuals to become members of the  
society. J. H. Hatcher, Chas. Blander & Homer for Com.  
The slips were then sold as  
follows



1	12	12.00	Lucas Wheeler	36	11	1.50	Oliver Blair
2			Payson	37	11	1.25	Eliak Lordell
3	16	16.50	Samuel W. Titcomb	38	11		
4	16	16	Samuel Titcomb	39	11	1.25	Ed. Burrows
5	16	16.75	Charles Knight	40	10	1.50	Calvin McWhittney
6	16	16.50	William Brown	41	8	1	Calvin Brown
7	16	16.50	Harold Brown	42	8		
8	16	16	William Titcomb	43	9	1.50	
9	16	16.75	John Converse	44	9	1.50	
10	16	16.50	Ed. Merrick	45	11	1.25	James Brown
11	15	15.75	Wm. Lane	46	11		
12	5	1.25	Ed. Hardy	47	11	1.50	Benjamin Fairbank
13	4	1.75	Ed. Perry Jr.	48	11	1.12	David Brown
14	4	1.50	Carl R. Brown	49	11	1.25	Benjamin Norman
15	3	13.25	Sam. H. Warren	50	11	1.12	Linus Benton
16	3	13	William Brown	51	11	1.12	Isaac Titcomb
17	1			52	11		
18	12			53	11	1.12	Isaac Knight
19		1.50		54	11		
20		1.50		55	11	1.50	
21		1.50		56	11	1.50	
22		1.50		57	10	1.75	Jonathan Emerson
23	8.50	8.50	Samuel Parker	58	10	1.75	Isaac Norman
24	8.50			59	10	1.75	Isaac Norman
25	7	7	Green P. Kelly	60	10	1.75	Edmund Brown
26	7			61	8.50	8.62	Samuel Allen
27	6			62	8.50	8.62	Alvin Jones
28	6	6	Wm. H. Kelly	63	7.50	7.50	Calvin Marsh
29	5			64	7.50		
30	5			65	6	6	Leah J. Jones
31	5.50	5.75	Jeremiah Hart	66	6		
32	5.50	7	Ethelred Sprin	67	5	5	Wm. Johnson
33	11	1.50	Eliak Lordell	68	5	5	David Perry
34	10	1.12	Levi Kelly	69	4.50		
35	11	1.50	Samuel Titcomb	70	4.50		

# Report of 1842

William M. Ward in account with the first Parish of Bridgeport  
 Apr. 8<sup>th</sup> 1842 Cr.

To cash recd. of H. Hubbard	14 55	By cash paid on orders	680.76
" Amt. of debts see Schedule	12 13	Amt. of unsettled accts.	12.13
" " Rents recd. on ship	55.70	Balance cash	12.49
Borrowed \$ recd. of J. Morgan	100 00		
	\$ 705 38		\$ 705 38

Statement of the assets and liabilities of the Parish Apr. 18<sup>th</sup> 1842

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash	12.49	Due W. Hays on note	90.43
Due from last year rents	12.13	" M. A. Bishop	75.68
Amt. due Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup> unsettled	112.13	" John Morgan	101.00
" May 1 <sup>st</sup>	220 25	" Ebn. Knight acct.	58.64
Except of liabilities	267.59	" Stephen Medham	31.67
		" Singing Committee	31.00
		" E. H. Stowell	18.00
		" H. H. Brown	29 28
		" J. C. Partridge May 1 <sup>st</sup> 1841	35.47
		" Moses Tyler	36.92
		" Harvey Lombard	14.50
		" Otho Lane	11 00
	\$ 626.59		\$ 626 59



# Report of 1843

H. M. Brown acting Treasurer in account with First Parish

To cash recd. of W. M. Ward 12,49	Paid out on orders 1323.68
" " " O Lane rent 1841 198.23	Balance cash in hands
" " " L. H 1841 .90	of H. M. Brown 84.21
Collected on amt. returned by O.L. 84.38	
Recd. for use of Town Hall 6.00	
" of Eli Barrows Coll. of St. Mchrs 7.63	
" " " O.L. 16.13	
" " " on Parish Tax 414.51	
" " " Pew rent 666.62	
<u>\$ 1407.89</u>	<u>\$ 1407.89</u>

## Statement of the Assets & Liabilities May 1<sup>st</sup> 1843

Assets	Liabilities
Notes & in E. Barrows hands 56.67	Due M. A. Bishop 80.70
Cash on hand 84.21	" Eli. Barrows 14.00
Due from L. Ames 2.60	Balance cash 49.48
<u>\$ 143.48</u>	<u>\$ 143.48</u>

## Statement of the Assets & Liabilities First Parish Apr. 15<sup>th</sup> 1844

Assets	Liabilities
Amt. of rents due May, 1 <sup>st</sup> 649.04	Due M. A. Bishop on rent 84.58
" in E. Barrows hands 56.67	" Lane & Sanford 8.76
Cash 84.21	" John Sherman 11.02
Amt. due from L Ames 2.60	" John Morgan 40.00
	" George C. Partridge 600.00
	" Eli Barrows 14.00
	" Cheney Salander 6.00
	Balance 28.16
<u>\$ 792.52</u>	<u>\$ 792.52</u>

# Warrant for Parish Meeting Apr. 15<sup>th</sup> 1844

To the Collector of the first Parish or Congregational Society for Religious Worship in the Town of  
Brimfield Meeting.

You are thereby required in the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn all the members of said Parish or Congregational Society in said town of Brimfield who are qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the Town Hall in said Brimfield on Monday the fifteenth day of April instant at one o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles

viz.

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to regulate said Meeting.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> To choose Parish officers for the year ensuing.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> To hear the report of the Prudential Committee.
- 4<sup>th</sup> To see if the Society will raise and appropriate money for the payment of the Rev. George C. Partridge's salary.
- 5<sup>th</sup> To see if the Society will raise or appropriate any money for the support of singing in said Society.
- 6<sup>th</sup> To see what amount of money shall be assessed on the slips of said Society.
- 7<sup>th</sup> To see if the Society will raise money for contingent expenses.
- 8<sup>th</sup> To see if the Society will take any measures to paint the house.
- 9<sup>th</sup> To transact all other business that may come before the meeting.

And you are required to serve this Warrant by putting up an attested copy of the same at the meeting-house seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.



Hereof fail not and have there this Warrant with  
your doings thereon on the day of said meeting  
Given under our hands and  
seal this fifth day of April AD. 1844

Alfred Homer } Prudential  
Otis Lane } Committee

Hampden Sh.

This may certify that I have served  
the within Warrant by posting up an attested  
copy thereof at the Town Hall eight days  
before the time of holding said meeting.

Cheney Solander Parish Collector

A true copy of the Warrant and of the  
Collector's return thereon

Attest

Newton S. Hubbard  
Parish Clerk

Parish Meeting April 15<sup>th</sup> 1844

At a legal meeting of the first Parish or  
Congregational Society in Brimfield held in  
pursuant to the foregoing Warrant.

The meeting was called to order by the  
Clerk and Wm. M. Ward chosen moderator

Newton S. Hubbard was chosen Clerk & sworn

Ebenezer Knight }  
Jeremiah Burt } were chosen Prudential men.  
Harvey Ganes }

H. A. Brown }  
Otis Lane } were chosen Assessors  
Solomon Bond }

## Parish Meeting Continued

Voted That the collection of slip rents be sold to the lowest bidder.  
Sold to Solomon Bond for seven Dollars

Voted To accept the report of the Prudential Committee

Voted To raise six hundred Dollars for the support of the Rev. George C. Partridge for the year ensuing

Voted That there be a Committee of three to make estimates on the expence of painting the house and to take up subscriptions for the same

Cheney Solander }  
James Brown } were chosen Com.  
Otis Lane }

Voted That Solomon Bond be Collector and Treasurer

Voted To choose a Com. to mark the slips

S. A. Hitchcock }  
B. Sherman }  
B. G. Hubbard } Committee  
C. Solander }  
Otis Lane }

Voted To put over the 8<sup>th</sup> Article to the adjourned meeting

Voted To raise the same sum of last year and that the slips be marked the same except No 1 to be raised two Dollars

Voted To appropriate the money above six hundred Dollars for contingent expenses

Voted That the Prudential Com. be authorised to draw an order of ten Dollars and interest to date to refund to Mrs. Partridge

Voted That Mary Ann Bishop be paid for the year

Voted To adjourn to Apr. 30<sup>th</sup> one o'clock P.M.  
Attest Newton L. Hubbard Clk



# Parish Meeting Apr 30<sup>th</sup> 1844

The members of the first Parish or Congregational Society in Brimfield met pursuant to adjournment

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator

Voted to adjourn to the upper room

Voted to pass over the 8<sup>th</sup> article

## Sale of Slips

	Appraised	Value		Appraised	Value	
1	14		33	10.00	10.50	Elias Marble
2			34	10.00	10.50	Nathaniel Parier
3	16	16.50	35	11.00	11.50	Linus Comer
4	16	16.50	36	11.00	11.50	Oliver Blair
5	16	17.00	37	11.00	11.25	Orson Sherman
6	16	16.50	38	11.00		
7	16	16.00	39	10.00	10.25	Abraham Charles
8	16	16.50	40	10.00	10.50	William M. Bird
9	16	16.50	41	8.00		
10	16	16.00	42	8.00		
11	15	15.50	43	7.50		
12	15	15.50	44	9.50		
13	14	14.50	45	11.00		
14	14	14.00	46	11.00		
15	13	13.00	47	11.00	11.25	John Prouty
16	13	13.12	48	11.00	11.00	Dauphin Brown
17	12	12.00	49	11.00	11.00	Benjamin Sherman
18	12	12.00	50	11.00	11.00	Lucius Denton
19	10.50	10.75	51	11.00	11.00	Asa M. Knight
20	10.50		52	11.00		
21	9.50	9.75	53	11.00	11.00	W. S. Brown
22	9.50		54	11.00		
23	8.50		55	10.50	10.50	Alfred Hitchcock
24	8.50		56	10.50		
25	7.00		57	10.00	10.00	W. J. Sherman & J. Emerson
26	7.00		58	10.00		
27	6.00		59	9.50	9.50	Abigence Nowell
28	6.00		60	9.50	9.50	Christopher Whiting
29	5.00		61	8.50		
30	5.00		62	8.50	8.50	Solomon Bond
31	8.50	8.75	63	7.50		Calvin Marsh & J. S. S.
32	8.50	8.75	64	7.50	7.50	Nathan Hitchcock

# Sale of Slips

No	Amount
65	6.00
66	6.00
67	5.00
68	5.00

Barnard Dean \$3.00

No	Amount
69	4.50
70	4.50

Joseph Alexander

Voted That the Prudential Committee be authorized to stay the proceedings of buying the forty Dollars voted last year for the benefit of singing

Noted That the Meeting House be painted this season under the direction of the Prudential Committee provided that money can be raised by subscription

voted That there be a Com. of one in each select District to solicit subscriptions to defray the the expense of painting the house

- |               |               |       |                   |
|---------------|---------------|-------|-------------------|
| District No 1 | W. H. Brown   | No 6  | E. Fairbanks      |
| 2             | Erny Perry Jr | 7     | Amos Kitchcock    |
| 3             | Elk Melnick   | 8     | Thomas Morgan     |
| 4             | Jr Burt       | 10 11 | Calvin W. Watting |
| 5             | S. Homer Jr   |       |                   |

voted That the above Com. be a Com. to solicit funds for the benefit of singing

voted That there be a Com. of three to regulate the order of the house on the Sabbath  
 Stephen Brown }  
 Cheney Solander } Committee  
 Paul W. Page }

voted That the Com. on singing return their papers to the Treasurer

voted That this meeting be dissolved

Newton J. Hubbard  
 clerk



Warrant for Parish Meeting July 11<sup>th</sup> 1844

Go the collector of the First Parish or Congrega-  
tional society in Brimfield In the name of the  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby di-  
rected to notify and warn the members of said  
society qualified by law to vote in Town affairs  
to assemble at the Town Hall in said Brimfield  
on Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> inst. at two o'clock P.M.  
then and there to act on the following articles  
to wit

First To choose a Moderator to regulate said  
meeting

Second To see if the Society will pay Daniel  
Nichols a claim he has against the Society  
for a part of a Pew he formerly owned in  
the Meeting House or take any other measures  
in relation to the same

Third To see if the Society will paint the  
Meeting House and raise money to defray the  
expenses thereof and also to hear the report of  
the Committee chosen at the last meeting to  
solicit subscriptions for painting said Meeting  
House

Fourth To transact any other business that may  
legally come before said meeting. And you are di-  
rected to serve this warrant by posting up an attes-  
ted copy thereof at the Meeting House in said Brim-  
field seven days before the time of <sup>holding</sup> said meeting  
Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant  
with your doings thereon to the Clerk of said Society  
before or at the time and place of said Meeting

Brimfield July 1<sup>st</sup> 1844

Ebenezer Knight } Prudential  
Jeremiah Burt } Com.

Hampden P.

This may certify that I have served  
this warrant as within directed

Solomon Bond  
Parish Collector

# Parish Meeting July 11<sup>th</sup> 1844

At a legal meeting of the First Parish or Congregational Society held in pursuance of the foregoing warrant. The meeting was called to order and Cheney Colander was chosen Moderator

Resolved That the Clerk be authorized to pay Daniel Nichols for  $\frac{1}{3}$  of a Jew appraised \$35, in the meeting house before altering amounting to \$11.69 and what interest he claims so far as is legal

Resolved To pass over the third article

The Chairman of the Committee chosen to solicit subscriptions for painting the meeting house sent in his papers with a subscription of \$75.75

Resolved That this meeting be adjourned without day

A true record

Newton S. Hubbard  
Parish Clerk

" *[Signature]* "



# Warrant for Parish Meeting Apr. 20 1845

To the collector of the First Parish  
Constitution Society for religious worship in the  
town of Bridgford

You are hereby required in the name of the com-  
monwealth of Massachusetts to notice and assemble  
the members of said Parish or not, as it shall appear  
in said town of Bridgford and be qualified  
to see to it that on the first day of April at  
the town hall in said Bridgford on Monday the  
twenty-first day of April instant at one o'clock  
P.M. they meet there to act on the follow-  
ing articles, viz

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to regulate said meeting.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> To choose Parish officers for the year ensuing.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> To hear the report of the Prudential Com.
- 4<sup>th</sup> To see if the society will raise and  
appropriate money for the payment of the  
Rev. George Partridge's salary.
- 5<sup>th</sup> To see if the society will raise or approp-  
riate any money for the support of singing  
in said society.
- 6<sup>th</sup> To see what amount of money shall be  
assessed on the slips of said society.
- 7<sup>th</sup> To see if the society will raise money  
for contingent expenses.
- 8<sup>th</sup> To see if the society will take any meas-  
ures to paint the meetinghouse and raise  
money for the same.
- 9<sup>th</sup> To transact all other business that may  
come before the meeting.

and you are required to serve this warrant  
by posting up an attested copy of the same  
at the Meeting House seven days at least before  
the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and have there this  
warrant with your doings thereon on the day  
of said meeting.

Given under our hands  
and seal this seventh day of April A.D. 1845.

Samuel Ennis } Prudential  
Curry } Committee  
Jeremiah Burt }

Brimfield Apr 12<sup>th</sup> 1845

I hereby certify that I have posted  
an attested copy of this warrant at the  
Meeting House as within directed

Solomon Bond  
Collector

Parish Meeting Apr. 1<sup>st</sup> 1845

At a legal meeting of the First Parish or  
congregational society in Brimfield held in pursu-  
ance of the foregoing warrant. The meeting was  
called to order by the Clerk and C. R. Brown  
moderate.

Newton S. Hubbard was chosen Clerk & sworn

Ordered That Henry C. Brown  
Elisha Perry Jr.  
Nathan Hitchcock

be Prudential Committee for the year  
ending



Voted That Edward Connor  
Luther Conner  
J. G. Hubbard

be assessors for the year ensuing;

Voted That his report on the Industrial  
Committee be accepted

### Report

The Prudential Committee of the Parish  
submit the following statement of the financial  
condition of the Parish.

The expenses for the year  
ending May 10<sup>th</sup> 1845 are as follows

Rev. Geo. C. Partridge Salary	\$ 600.00
To John Morgan for ringing the Bell upholding fire, and taking care of the House for supplying the Desk three Sabbaths and board in Sept.	34.00
Paid Daniel Nichols for old pew & cost	27.00
To Harvey Lombard for 6 cords of wood	16.79
Lane and Sanford Bill for bill Co.	14.00
For Insurance	12.93
For collecting of slip Rents	7.50
	7.00
	\$ 719.22

The income for the year ending  
May 10<sup>th</sup> is as follows.

Rents for Slips	\$ 610.14
Cash paid by the former Treasurer C. Solander	16.08
Ed Barrows collected on old acct.	4.00

### Present Assets & Liabilities

Amount of Rents in the Treasurer's hands	\$ 594.84	Due Rev. G. C. Partridge	\$ 600.00
Due on old acct. of double value	34.92	" John Morgan Ringing bill Co.	34.00
Cash	4.00	" On Order John Morgan Apr. 1 <sup>st</sup> 1844	14.86
	\$ 633.76	" Order to E. Knight	12.47
		" Harvey Lombard	14.00
Liabilities \$ 724.96		Due Lane & Sanford	12.93
Assets 633.76		" Solomon Bond Co.	7.00
Balance against road 91.20		E. Knight } Prudential	724.96
From debt 34.00		J. Bent }	
Debt on balance 125.20		H. Lane } Committee Solomon Bond	
			Treasurer

Voted That all the outstanding debts up to 1844  
be committed to C. R. Brown for collection.

Voted To raise and appropriate six hundred dollars  
for the payment of Rev. Geo. C. Partridge's  
Salary.

Voted That seven hundred dollars be assessed on  
the slips the same as last year.

Newton S. Hubbard } Committee to  
Samuel A. Hitchcock } mark the slips  
Alfred Homer }

Voted To paint the Meetinghouse this season.

Voted To raise two hundred dollars for painting  
the meeting house and one hundred & fifty  
for contingent expenses.

Voted That Samuel A. Hitchcock  
Solomon Homer  
James Brown  
be a committee to carry into effect the  
painting of the Meetinghouse.

Voted To apportion by tax on the members of the  
Society the sum of \$350.00

Voted That the collection of taxes and slip rents  
be sold to the lowest bidder  
Sold to C. R. Brown for \$15.50

Voted That C. R. Brown be Collector & Treasurer

Voted That the Apechors be authorized to procure  
a book to keep their records.

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to  
borrow the sum of \$300.00 to pay the  
demands now due against the Society.



and for painting the meetinghouse

Voted That there be a Committee of one from each School-District to solicit members of the Society.

### Committee

District No 1	Dr E. Thiel	No 6	E. Guirbunck
" 2	Jacob Guenz	" 7	C. R. Brown
" 3	Ed Thierick	" 8	Herckiah Perry
" 4	Peremish Burt	"	
" 5	Gauphin Brown	" 10	Calvin Nutting

Voted That the Town-Hall be warmed and lighted at the expence of the Society for Religious meetings Temperance meetings and Singing schools

Voted To make up fifty Dollars (part of which is subscribed) to pay Calvin M. Ward for taking charge of the singing one year

Voted To adjourn to Apr. 30<sup>th</sup> 2 o'clock P.M.

at true record.

Newton S. Hubbard

Parish Clerk

Brimfield Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> 1846

To the First Congregational Church  
Society in Brimfield:

The Pastor of this Church in making the following communication would first take occasion to express his high sense of the sacredness and the designed and desirable permanency of the Pastoral Relation; and his reluctance to take the responsibility of doing any thing to conflict with either. Nor does he deem himself to be taking that responsibility in the following announcement, having been some time since made aware of an indifference to himself and to his ministry on the part of many of the people of his charge, from that time weakening in a great degree his hope of usefulness among them; and having been recently apprised of a more positive disaffection alike towards himself and his ministry so extensively prevailing, as to warrant the expression of an opinion that an effort would soon be made to accomplish his removal.

The responsibility lies rather with those whose feelings are by that expressed. The Pastor therefore feels clear of responsibility in announcing, in view of the above facts, his purpose, within a short time, (at the annual meeting of the society or before) of asking the Church and Society to unite with him in calling an Ecclesiastical Council for the dissolution of the relation subsisting between himself and them.

The Pastor makes this early announcement, for the relief of the feelings of those most embittered towards him, and to prevent all that unhappy agitation incident to positive efforts among a people to rid themselves of a minister; — in hope also that their feelings thus



relieved, they may not be shut out from all possibility of deriving any benefit from the institutions of religion during the short time he may remain their minister.

In closing the Pastor would say that there is nothing and never has been in his own feelings to interfere with his cheerful and hearty labors for the spiritual good of this people; and while he yet remains with them, he shall not cease to offer fervent prayer that the best blessings of God's Grace may be upon them.

Respectfully and Affectionately,

Geo. C. Partridge Pastor

To the Prudential Committee of the First Congregational Society for Religious Worship in Brimfield. The undersigned members of the said Society request that you would call a meeting of the Society on Monday the second day of March next sooner if convenient to act on a communication from the Rev. George C. Partridge.

Brimfield Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> 1846

Wm. M. Ward  
G. M. Warren  
Augustus Wheeler  
James Brown  
G. W. Morgan

Benj. Sherman  
P. G. Hubbard  
David Homer  
Lyman Upham  
Thomas Hubbard Jr.

# Warrant for Parish Meeting Mar. 9<sup>th</sup> 1846

Hampton B

To Cyril R. Brown Collector of the First Parish or Congregational Society for Religious Worship in Brimfield

Greeting  
You are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Parish qualified to vote in Parish Affairs, to assemble at their Hall in said Brimfield on Monday the ninth day of Mar. next at one o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles viz

- Art. 1<sup>st</sup> You choose a Moderator to regulate said meeting
- " 2<sup>nd</sup> You hear a communication from the Rev. Geo. C. Partridge and act on the same.
- " 3<sup>rd</sup> You see if the Parish will request the Rev. Geo. C. Partridge to recall his notice to them, of an intention to ask them to unite with him in calling an Ecclesiastical Council for the purpose of dissolving the connection now existing between them
- " 4<sup>th</sup> You see if the Parish will take any measures to secure the services of some person to take charge of the singing the ensuing year.
- " 5<sup>th</sup> You choose any committee or agents that may be deemed necessary.
- " 6<sup>th</sup> You transact any other business that may legally come before them.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the



Meeting-House also at the Post office  
seven days at least before the time of holding  
said meeting and have you there this  
Warrant with you doing thereon

Given under our  
hands and seal this twenty third day of  
February A.D. 1846

Henry J. Brown  
Errol Perry jr } Prudential  
Nathan Hitchcock } Committee

Hampden, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> 1846

A copy of the within  
Warrant has been served by me as  
within directed

C. R. Brown Collector

Parish Meeting Mar 7<sup>th</sup> 1846

At a legal meeting of the  
First Parish or Congregational Society in  
Brimfield held in pursuance of the foregoing  
Warrant. The meeting was called to  
order by the Clerk and C. R. Brown was  
Chosen Moderator

Voted To pass over the second article for  
the present

Voted That it is the sense of this  
meeting to ask the Rev. Geo. C. Partridge  
to withdraw his communication of Feb 7<sup>th</sup>  
After discussing the matter it was  
Voted To ask him to withdraw his communication  
25 in favor 16 against

Voted That the Prudential Committee engage  
some one to take charge of the  
singing till the Annual Meeting

Voted To choose a Committee of three  
to circulate subscription papers previous  
to the Annual Meeting to get money to pay  
some one to take charge of the sing-  
ing the year ensuing

Wm. Ward }  
Erna Perry jr. } Com.  
Alfred Homer }

Voted That this meeting be dissolved

A true record ( )  
Newton J. Hubbard  
Parish Clk.

" " "



Warrant for Parish Meeting April 20 1846.

To Daniel W. Broom Collector of the said Parish  
of Bridgford -                      Forgetting

You are hereby

directed in the name of the Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts, to notify & swear all the members  
of said Parish qualified to vote in Parish  
affairs, to assemble at their Hall in said  
Bridgford on Monday the twentieth day  
of April instant at One O'Clock P.M. then  
& then to act on the following articles - viz

First, To choose all Parish officers for the ensuing year.  
Second, To see if the Parish will comply with the re-  
quest of the Rev Geo B Partridge that they unite  
with him in calling an Ecclesiastical Council to  
whom the subject of his dismission may be referred  
& make such provisions for carrying the same as they  
see fit.

Third, To hear the report of the Prædication Committee.

Fourth, To raise & appropriate money for the support of  
preaching, and singing, also for the payment of  
any outstanding debts & for the contingent expenses  
of the Parish for the ensuing year.

Fifth To direct what amount of the same, raised, shall  
be assessed upon the slips & what amount shall  
be raised by tax (if any)

Sixth To hear reports of committees & agents chosen at  
former meetings & choose such others as may be  
necessary.

Seventh, To transact any other business that may legally  
come before said meeting.

And you are required to serve this warrant  
by posting an attested copy of the same at the  
Meeting House seven days at least before  
the time of holding said meeting.

(over)

and have you there this warrant with  
your doings thereon

Given under our hands  
& seal this tenth day of April A.D. 1846.

Henry J. Brown } Moderator  
Nathan Hitchcock } Committee

Hampden ss April 13. 1846

I have more service of the  
within warrant by posting an attested copy  
of the same at the Meeting house in Brimfield  
seven days before the time of holding the within  
mentioned meeting.

H. J. Brown  
Collector.

### Purish Meeting April 20. 1846.

At a legal meeting of the first Parish of Con-  
gregational Society in Brimfield holden in pur-  
suance of the foregoing warrant.

Nathan Brown was chosen Moderator

John W. Warren was chosen Clerk & sworn

Saml. A. Hitchcock }  
Ebenezer Knight } were chosen judicial Committee  
Lyman Wyman }

William Warren }  
Wm. J. Sherman } were chosen assessors  
Moses S. Kellogg }

Voted To pass over the choice of Treasurer & Collec-  
tor for the present

Voted To choose a committee of two. to act  
with a committee of three from the Church  
in relation to calling a council to dismiss



Rev George L Partridge.

Oliver Blair }  
John M Whelan } more chosen

Resolved. That said Committee have power to make such arrangements for the accommodation of the annual meeting.

Voted to accept the report of the Prudential Committee, which follows -

C. R. Brown Treasurer.

In of said year 1841

Jan 1st 1841	11.00	Jan 1st 1841	11.00
Feb 1st 1841	11.00	Feb 1st 1841	11.00
Mar 1st 1841	11.00	Mar 1st 1841	11.00
Apr 1st 1841	11.00	Apr 1st 1841	11.00
May 1st 1841	11.00	May 1st 1841	11.00
Jun 1st 1841	11.00	Jun 1st 1841	11.00
Jul 1st 1841	11.00	Jul 1st 1841	11.00
Aug 1st 1841	11.00	Aug 1st 1841	11.00
Sep 1st 1841	11.00	Sep 1st 1841	11.00
Oct 1st 1841	11.00	Oct 1st 1841	11.00
Nov 1st 1841	11.00	Nov 1st 1841	11.00
Dec 1st 1841	11.00	Dec 1st 1841	11.00
Total	132.00	Total	132.00

Report of said year 1841.

Received of said year 1841.  
Total 132.00

Voted to accept the report of the Prudential Committee, which follows -

Voted to accept the report of the Prudential Committee, which follows -

to assigne Calvin M. Ward to take charge  
of the singing for our year from the 1<sup>st</sup>  
May 1886 for a sum not to exceed Fifty \$.

Vote To raise seven hundred dollars, for the  
support of Preaching & contingent expenses,  
on the slips for the year ensuing, at the  
proposal of last year, with the exception  
of slip No 4, which is to be reduced two  
dollars.

Vote That the Prudential Committee be authorized  
to supply the stock if necessary.

Vote That the subject of Insurance be left  
undecided until the Prudential Committee

Vote To adjourn to a week from Saturday at 1.00 P.M.  
In: W. M. Mearns Clerk etc.  
1886

Resolved May 20. 1886

The members of the First Parish  
met pursuant to adjournment. The meeting  
was opened by the reading of the minutes.

Vote That the notes for ship rent be payable  
the first of March instead of the first  
of April.

Vote That the Treasurer account to the Prudential  
Committee for the year ending May 1st.

Vote That the last years assessors be requested  
to carry into effect the vote of last  
year, and if necessary, to make

Vote That C. R. Brown collect all the notes &  
accounts in his hands at his discretion

Vote To adjourn to the supper room  
the meeting to be held by the

Vote To adjourn to a meeting - In: W. M. Mearns  
Clerk etc.



Hampden Co. To Wm M Ward Collector of  
the first Parish or Congregational Society in  
religions worship in the town of Hampden  
County.

Whereas a committee of three representing  
a formal meeting of fifteen members of said  
members and legal voters of said County  
meeting at said Parish on the 1st day of  
meeting to the Executive Committee of said  
County to cause a Parish meeting to be held  
articles set forth in the following manner.

You are hereby required in the name of  
the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to certify  
and name all the members of said Parish  
or Congregational Society in said town of  
Hampden who are qualified to vote in town  
affairs, to appear at the Parish meeting to be held  
on the 1st day of Monday the 1st day of July  
at 10 o'clock A.M. then and there to act on  
the following articles, to wit:

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to regulate said meeting.
- 2<sup>d</sup> To see if the Society are in favor of taking  
suitable measures for reassembling the Eccle-  
siastical Council, held in April last, for the  
purpose of dissolving the existing relation  
between the Rev Bro Partidge and said  
Society.
- 3<sup>d</sup> To see if the Society are in favor of choosing all necessary agents  
and committees to carry the same into effect.

And you are required to cause this warrant to be  
published in the town of, to the effect that  
the Parish are to assemble at the meeting on  
the 1st day of July at 10 o'clock A.M. and  
you show this warrant with your doings  
thereon.

Given under my hand and seal this  
1<sup>st</sup> day of July 1841. J. H. Black  
Clerk of the Court  
for the Court

11. 1845 Springfield July 6. 1845

Warrant to the within named  
and this day found upon the return of  
this warrant agreeably to the within direction  
By Wm. Ward Collector  
of said town

Springfield July 11. 1845.

At a legal meeting of the  
members of the Springfield Congregational  
Church in pursuance of the provisions of the  
existing laws.

Henry F. Brown, was chosen Moderator

Resolved, That the meeting being suitable  
to consider the business of the Church  
in open court for the purpose of dissolving the  
existing relation between this Society and the  
said congregation.

Vote about 21.10 J.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be chosen to carry  
into effect the foregoing vote.

Elbridge Wright

John M. Warren

John M. Warren

Resolved, That the Committee be instructed to call  
on the Rev. Geo. C. Burdick and should not  
be satisfied with the result, to call on the  
Rev. Geo. C. Burdick.

Resolved, That the following be the

John M. Warren. Secy.



Warrant for Parish meeting March 4. 1847

Hampden. 48 To the collector of the said  
Parish or Congregational society in Brinton  
Meeting. - You are hereby required in the  
name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,  
to notify and cause all the members of  
said Parish or Congregational society in  
said Brinton to be duly assembled  
to hold in some affair, by authority of  
said society, to come, on said day, to  
be held on the fourth day of March next  
at 10 o'clock, A.M. to act on  
the following articles, viz

1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to regulate said meeting

2<sup>d</sup> To see if the society will adopt the measures  
proposed to provide a suitable place for religious  
worship for the present season.

3<sup>d</sup> To see what disposition the society will  
make of the furniture and articles  
now in the care of the late pastor.

4<sup>th</sup> To see if the society will adopt any pro-  
visionary measures in reference to re-  
building their meeting house & if so -

5<sup>th</sup> To cause all committees to report what  
may be found necessary and proper to  
carry out their views - And you are directed  
to serve this warrant by putting up an  
attested copy of "Hitchcock's Will" at least seven  
days before the time of holding said meeting  
If you fail not, but make due return  
of this warrant with your doings thereon  
to the Parish Clerk at the time and place  
of said meeting.

Given under our hands  
and seal this twenty fourth day of Feb. 1847  
S. A. Hitchcock }  
George Knight } Commrs.

Birmingham Feb 24. 1847  
Pursuant to the warrant  
of the court that I have this day put  
up an attested copy, agreeably to the within  
directions  
Wm M. Ward  
Parish Collector

Birmingham March 4. 1847  
At a legal meeting  
of the first parish or congregational society in  
Birmingham held in pursuance of the foregoing  
warrant, Geo. A. Brown was chosen Moderator.

Resolved, That the Prudential Committee be charged  
with the duty of procuring a suitable  
place for public worship for the present  
season.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed,  
to collect all the furniture and materials  
and give the best price and deposit them  
in some suitable place for safe keeping.  
Committee { Alfred Hitchcock  
                  { Henry Brown  
                  { Wm M. Ward

Resolved, To adjourn to Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> inst  
at 10 o'clock, at the place.  
John M. Warren  
Parish Clerk,

Birmingham March 6<sup>th</sup> 1847  
For members of  
the first Parish or Congregational Society  
in Birmingham met pursuant to adjournment  
the meeting was called to order by the  
Moderator.

Resolved, That it is expedient to adopt measures  
measures to build a house for public  
worship to be owned and held by  
this Society and their successors upon  
the usual conditions, and subject to  
the usual conditions.



the same restrictions and liabilities, as are  
the same recently adopted by the

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed who  
may be called to procure money, or more  
ground, for a meeting house, suitable for  
the society, together with estimates of the  
probable cost of the same and report  
to adjourned meeting.

Committee

Saml A. Hitchcock & Alured Homer  
Elihu Knight & Ezra Perry  
Cyrol R. Brown.

Resolved, That a committee of five be chosen to  
confer with any committee the town may  
see fit to appoint in reference to the  
use of the basement story of said meeting  
house by the town for all purposes relating  
to town business, and report at an  
adjourned meeting.

Committee

Oliver Bliss & Jarvis Walker  
Perrin Parker & Orson Sherman  
Levi Lumbard.

Resolved To adjourn to Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> inst.  
at 1.00 P.M. at this place.

John M. Warren  
Parish Clerk.

Principals March 17. 1847

The members of the First Parish  
or congregational society of Principals, not  
pursuant to adjournment, the meeting  
was called to order by the moderator.

The committee on plans and estimates  
made a verbal report accompanied with  
a plan, drawn by Capt Edward Lamb of  
Worcester, of a church site in Sterling  
Worcester Co., which they had viewed, together  
with several other houses in Worcester, where  
upon it was voted to recommend the

report to the committee, with instructions  
to employ the said sum to erect a per-  
manent structure of suitable size and value  
for a church with a stone basement after  
the model of the said house in Stirling  
and report at our next meeting the  
26<sup>th</sup> inst.

Resolved, That two more persons be added to the  
committee of five chosen at a former  
meeting, for the purpose of conferring  
with a committee of the Town, respecting  
the use of the basement story of the  
church for Town purposes.  
L. J. Mason  
J. W. Clark

Resolved, That when this meeting adjourns that it  
adjourn to Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> inst at 1.00 P.M.  
at this place -

Resolved, That a committee of three be chosen to  
investigate the matter in relation to  
the terms on which the old church  
may be deeded to the Society, and report  
at our next meeting.  
Committee,  
L. J. Mason, Chairman  
J. W. Clark

Resolved, To adjourn.

John W. Mason  
Church Clerk.



Barnstable March 17

The members of the first church in Barnstable  
and society first presented to the meeting  
the meeting was called to order by the  
moderator.

Resolved, That the committee appointed to  
charge of the furniture be raised from  
the rate of the church to defray  
the least amount let to last advantage

Resolved, To charge a voluntary contribution of  
the sum of \$1000.00 to be paid for  
the building of a new church and  
a store is needed for the same. To  
pay for it, with the privilege of charging  
the church a right of way for the same  
a model as a church building. The sum  
of \$1000.00 is to be paid, and to  
be paid from the funds can be paid  
by subscription to meet the expense, the  
following names were called

Samuel C. Robinson	Charles Sherman
Abner Brown	James Brown
John May Jr	Samuel Smith
Charles Knight	Charles Brown
Lydia A. Brown	John Brown
John Brown	John A. Brown
John W. Brown	

Resolved, That the building committee be authorized  
to accept of any and every person to take  
subscriptions to defray the expense of  
building a church.

Resolved, When this meeting adjourns at adjourn  
at the day of the annual meeting in  
April at 1.00 P.M. at this place

Resolved To adjourn

John W. Brown  
Moderator

To the Collector of the first Parish or  
Congregational Society for religious worship in  
Brimfield

Dear Sir,

You are hereby required in the name of  
the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and  
warn all the members of said Parish or Congregational  
Society in said <sup>Town</sup> of Brimfield who are qualified  
by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at  
Hitchcock's Hall in said Brimfield on Monday  
the nineteenth day of April instant at one O'clock  
in the afternoon, then and there to act on the  
following articles

Wiz.

First. To choose a Moderator

Second. To choose Parish officers for the year ensuing

Third. To see what measures the parish will adopt  
to supply the parish with the preaching of  
the Gospel

Fourth. To see if the Parish will raise money to supply  
preaching and contingents expenses

Fifth. To transact any other business that may legally  
come before the Parish

And you are required to serve this warrant  
by putting an attested copy of the same at Hitchcock's  
Hall seven days at least before the time of holding said  
meeting. Hereof fail not and have <sup>thing</sup> this warrant  
with your doings thereon on the day of said meeting.  
Given under our hand and  
seal this third day of April A.D. 1847

S. K. Hitchcock } Prudential  
Charles Knight } Committee  
Lyman Upham }

Hampden S. S. Brimfield April 18<sup>th</sup> 1847

Pursuant to the within warrant.

I hereby certify that I have notified the Parish according  
to the within directions

Wm. M. Ward Collector  
of said Parish



Brimfield April 18<sup>th</sup> 1848

At a legal meeting  
of the first Parish or Congregational Society held  
on Monday April 18<sup>th</sup> 1848. W<sup>m</sup>. W. Ward was  
chosen Moderator and Cyril R. Brown was chosen  
Clerk and sworn.

Ashley Solander Ebenezer Knight and Henry  
H. Griggs were chosen Prudential Committee

C. R. Brown, N. S. Hubbard and Harry Jones  
Assessors. — S. A. Hitchcock Treasurer.

Resolved, That a committee of three to see that the  
Parish was supplied with the preaching of  
the Gospel, Solomon Homer and S. A. Hitchcock  
and Eli Burrows were chosen and have since  
been called.

W<sup>m</sup>. W. Ward was chosen Collector and it was  
ordered a half per cent on what he collects.

Resolved, That the Prudential Committee engage Emily  
Ward to take charge of the singing to the first  
of May 1848.

Resolved, To pass over the fourth article.

Resolved, To choose a committee of five to raise subscriptions  
for singing and C. R. Brown Johnathan Thuman  
Nathan Hitchcock Benjamin Thuman and  
W. Fay be the said committee.

Resolved, That the tax against Asa M. Knight and the  
accounts against Asa M. Knight and  
James Foustellotte in the hands of C. R. Brown  
be discharged.

Resolved, That the account against J. Burman be paid in  
the hands of W<sup>m</sup>. W. Ward to be collected immediately.

Resolved, That C. R. Brown obtain the opinion of the society with  
regard to the validity of the tax against J. Burman  
Thuman.

Resolved, To accept the report of the prudential committee  
as regards the financial condition of the Parish.

over

# Report of Treasurer

The Society owe to Note to Wm. Fair  
dated April 22 1846 - - - - - \$ 200.00  
Interest on do at 5 per cent one year - - - - - 10.00  
An Order to Thos Jones April 18/47 - - - - - 30.00  
An Order to E. H. Knight - date Apr 19/47. - - - 88.49  
This is the amt the Society }  
owe at present } \$ 328.49

The balance reported last year over and  
above assets was - - - - - \$ 178.79

Showing that the society has expended  
this year over their income - - - - - \$ 149.90

Taking the indebtedness of the society  
at this time - - - - - \$ 328.69

There is a very small amt of outstanding debts in the  
hands of the present and former Treasurers with which  
they are charged in acct, but very little will ever be  
received from them.

Respectfully submitted  
J. H. Whitecock }  
E. Henry Knight } Prudential Committee  
Lyman Alphonse }

Moved, To dissolve the meeting  
C. R. Brown } Clerk

Brimfield April 19/47

The members of the first Parish Congregational  
meeting, present to adjournment to the 22/47  
and were ordered to order by their moderator

Moved, That the building committee be instructed  
to build on such a plan as they think proper

Moved, To dissolve the meeting  
C. R. Brown } Clerk



London, England  
 1850  
 1851

Campania

First Meeting Dec. 25 1857

On the motion of the Secretary the first business was the reading of the report of the Committee on the State of the Union. The report was read by the Secretary. The report was then discussed by the members of the committee. The report was then discussed by the members of the committee.

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On the motion of the Secretary the sixth business was the reading of the report of the Committee on the State of the Union. The report was read by the Secretary. The report was then discussed by the members of the committee. The report was then discussed by the members of the committee.

On the motion of the Secretary the seventh business was the reading of the report of the Committee on the State of the Union. The report was read by the Secretary. The report was then discussed by the members of the committee. The report was then discussed by the members of the committee.

H. Brown  
C. Glendon  
E. Knight

on the motion of the Secretary



Continued

Resolved that when the meeting adjourns it will adjourn to meet on the 1st day of the month of March next at 8 o'clock P.M.

Resolved to adjourn

Monday Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1848

That the meeting be adjourned

Resolved that the Treasurer of the Society be authorized to borrow money sufficient to pay for running the house

Resolved that if the Subscription papers for the remodeling of our former home can be obtained, the names of all donors together with the sums subscribed by themselves also the names of those who have the sums paid by them for us present should be recorded on the Danish Book.

Resolved that when this meeting adjourns it adjourn to meet on Friday next at 8 o'clock P.M.

Resolved to adjourn

Friday Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> 1848

Resolved that the meeting be adjourned to meet on Monday next at 8 o'clock P.M.

Resolved that the meeting be adjourned to meet on

Monday

Resolved that the meeting be adjourned to meet on Thursday next at 8 o'clock P.M.

Resolved to adjourn

Irish Meeting / Continued

Thursday January 13<sup>th</sup> 1848

Met according to  
adjournment - Linus Homer Moderator pro tem.

Voted That the occupation of the two slips  
nearest the pulpit; the two front slips and  
the two slips under the Orchestra be left  
in the hands of the Prudential Committee.

Voted That all children, youth and others not  
belonging to the choir of singers be prohib-  
ited from occupying any part of the orchestra  
on the Sabbath, unless the house of the church  
is so full that they cannot be seated.

Voted That Dear Dauphin Brown and  
Olson Therman be a committee to see  
that the above vote is carried into effect.

Voted That a committee of three be raised among  
the members to rent the <sup>use of</sup> Vestry or town Hall  
for the town for all purposes of public town  
business, and the use of the Hall as hereafter  
for the sum of fifty dollars per annum.

Voted That a committee of one be raised to  
obtain funds to make up the deficiency  
in the subscription for building the house.  
J. M. Warren - Clerk

Voted That <sup>what</sup> ever the deficiency of funds may  
represent the committee for building the house  
be authorized to borrow to settle the same.

Voted That when this meeting adjourns it adjourn  
to meet on Friday of next week at One O'clock P.M.

Voted That when the slips are sold, they be sold until  
the first of May next, the subscribers having the  
privilege of retaining them at the original  
price made for one year from said first of May,  
giving notice to the Prudential Committee before the date.



First Meeting of the Society

Wednesday January 21st 1848

Society met pursuant to adjournment  
Voted To adjourn to meet immediately at  
the basement of the new Church

Society met agreeably to adjournment  
in the basement of the Church  
Voted To adjourn to the old Church to meet  
the 2nd of March after the vote

Voted To adjourn this meeting to the  
2nd of March at 7 o'clock P.M.  
to meet in the basement of the  
Church

Monday Feb. 7th 1848

Society met agreeably to adjournment  
Wm. H. Corner Moderator in the chair  
Voted That the Committee for supplying the  
pastor be instructed to ascertain if the  
Rev. Mr. Hale can be engaged to supply  
the duties & perform the pastoral duties  
of Pastor to this people for one year & if so, to  
ascertain on what conditions & terms  
the board will agree

On the 7th of Feb. the Committee reported that

Committee report that  
Rev. Mr. Hale will consent to remain with us  
and perform all the Pastoral duties usually required  
of a Pastor for one year from the twentieth  
day of this month for six hundred dollars and  
the cost of moving his family to this place with  
the understanding that he have the privilege  
occasionally lecturing on the subjects of Education  
and Temperance in the neighborhood

## Joint Meeting Continued

10th That the same be submitted to the committee for their consideration & report

11th That the contract be submitted in writing to the Clerk & recorded

12th That Mr. Farmer and H. J. Brown be authorized to furnish lamps for lighting the Hall and also purchase a lamp, & other necessary tools to be kept for the use of the house

13th To adjourn this meeting





continued

- 8<sup>th</sup> To see what amount of money shall be raised on the 15<sup>th</sup> of this month
- 9<sup>th</sup> To see if the society will raise money for contingent expenses
- 10<sup>th</sup> To choose all agents or committees that may be necessary
- 11<sup>th</sup> To transact any other business that may legally come up at said meeting

And you are requested to serve this warrant by giving an attested copy of the same at the next regular meeting of the church before the time of holding said meeting.

Yours faithfully and obediently  
Wm. A. Havel

Witness my hand and seal  
this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1848

Witness my hand and seal  
this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1848  
Harvey S. Gifford

Witness my hand and seal  
this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1848

I hereby certify that I have attested  
and warned the members of said  
church according to the above directions

Wm. A. Havel Collector



Advised meeting of 17th Nov 1882

At a special meeting of the Unitarian Church held on the 17th Nov 1882 at 8 o'clock in the evening the following business was transacted to order by E. Knight chairman of the Prudential Committee. After the reading of the Warrant Cheney Holland was chosen Moderator.

Advised meeting of 24th Nov 1882

Henry R. Brown  
Guthrie Brown Prudential Com.  
Arthur Hitchcock  
Ernest Swan  
Eril R. Brown - Secretary  
Harold Jones

Voted That the Treasurer and Collector be required to give Bonds to the satisfaction of the Society.

Arthur Hitchcock Treasurer

The report of the Prudential Committee and Treasurer have been laid before the meeting and after a very full and spirited discussion it was voted to retain a committee of three to audit their accounts and report at a future meeting.

Harry Jones  
Thomas Holland - Committee  
Ernest W. Brown

Voted That the Prudential Committee be instructed to secure the services of C. H. Ford to take charge of the singing for the year ensuing provided he can be obtained for fifty Dollars.

1. Second

Resolved To raise a committee to have the first  
annual meeting of the Society held at  
the first house of the Society in the year  
to be held upon the first of the month  
of August when can be raised

Resolved To have a committee  
to be raised upon the first of the month  
of August 1850

Resolved To have a committee to be raised upon the first of the month  
of August 1850

Resolved To raise seven hundred and fifty (\$750) to  
be assessed on the slips with the exception  
of the four lower slips two next the pulpit and  
the minister's slip

Resolved To pass over the 7th article

Resolved To have a committee to be raised upon the first of the month  
of August 1850

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of August 1850

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of August 1850

Resolved To set up the collection of tithes and  
the rents of the Society's lands when  
the condition that he be chosen Collector  
not that all members be collected  
for days preceding the annual meeting  
and paid in full to the Treasurer  
Resolved To have a committee to be raised upon the first of the month  
of August 1850



Continued

Resolved that in the meeting above it  
should be the first meeting to be  
at one o'clock at the Brick Hall

Resolved that there be a committee of three  
persons to be named by the meeting to  
prepare the plan for the meeting  
to be held at the Brick Hall  
and report at a future meeting

Com. Robert [unclear] [unclear] and [unclear]  
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

Resolved [unclear]

Where [unclear]

Resolved that [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

at [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

The meeting was adjourned to [unclear] [unclear]  
in the [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

Resolved to adjourn [unclear] to [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

Resolved to [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

Resolved that a committee of three persons  
be appointed to [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

Resolved that the renting of the hall be  
left to the Executive Com.

Readings Continued

The report of the Steward to the Sick  
the Treasurer was then read and accepted.

Report

Wm. H. Hitchcock & Company in account with

Jan 1	Cash recd. of H. H. Brown for sale of materials at auction of old materials for a new house	110	00
Jan 2	Cash recd. of the Mutual Insurance Company	100	00
	Interest on the same 1 Jan. 1848	125	83
Jan 29	Cash recd. of H. H. Brown for subscription for building a new house as per subscription book	2425	50
	Cash recd. of H. H. Brown for Ladies subscription for carpet trimming the pulpit &c.	99	72
	Cash recd. of H. H. Brown for materials saved from the old house	14	17
Apr 13	Cash recd. of H. H. Brown for sale of materials at auction of old materials for a new house	115	71
	" do do for materials sold at private sale	3	23
	Lumber and materials sold Kent & Ingersoll to memorandum by H. H. Brown	42	79
	Cash recd. for insurance note to Union Sherman dated Jan. 15th 1848	100	00
	Cash recd. of Jonathan Brown for Treasurers note dated Jan. 31st 1848	300	00
	Cash recd. of J. H. Warren for over charge on bill of printing Hand-bills	62	
	Cash recd. of H. H. Brown for an additional subscription as per subscription book	10	00
	Cash due H. H. Brown Treasurers carried to new page	15	20
		\$ 8265	77

Voted To instruct the Prudential Com. to draw an order on the Treasurers for the Rev. B. E. Hale's salary quarterly

ordered to authorize the Treasurer to borrow the money

stated that the Prudential Com. sent the Fall  
as they see fit.

The collector presented as his Bondsman  
 J<sup>r</sup> M. Bird & G. C. Warner and they  
 were accepted



11.

1838

Apr. 22<sup>nd</sup>

Int. H. H. Lock declined being Treasurer  
and Chas. Solander was chosen in his  
stead & presented a bill for \$1000.00  
Alfred Hitchcock & S. E. L. Barrows accepted  
to raise one hundred dollars in addition  
to the \$1200. voted Apr. 17<sup>th</sup> 1888 making \$1300.  
to adj. to Sat. May 13<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>o</sup> clock P. M.  
E. Barrows report & Proceeding, N. S. Hubbard Clerk

Noted that the paper in the Atlantic Ocean  
has not had time to accept the value  
of the industrial Commission was then  
broken that

Statement of the financial affairs of the First Parish in Springfield Apr. 22 <sup>nd</sup> 1848	
Note due to Wm. Day dated Apr. 22 <sup>nd</sup> 1846	\$200.00
Interest due on the same at 5 per cent. by annual	20.00
Note due Orson Sherman dated Jan. 18 <sup>th</sup> 1848	100.00
3 months Int. on the same	1.50
Note due Jno. Brown dated Jan. 31 <sup>st</sup> 1848	300.00
3 months Int. on the same	3.75
Order to Cash due dated Apr. 15 <sup>th</sup> 1847	81.50
Interest due on the same	1.50
Order to C. Knight dated 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 1847	\$88.07
Interest due on the same	5.32
Order to E. Knight dated Apr. 14 <sup>th</sup> 1848	468.77
do " Geo. Seymour " "	40.00
do " William Noble " "	2.50
" " Harvey Lombard " "	10.00
" " Asa Hilditch " "	5.00
" " " " " "	12.00
Due Rev. B. E. Hall on the 1 <sup>st</sup> of Dec. next	112.50
	\$1441.03
Balance due to Hilditch & Co.	25.20
	\$1466.23

12 Dr. Scherzer &

making the present indebtedness  
of the Society twelve hundred and eighty  
four Dollars and eighty three cents.  
New Bedford Apr. 12<sup>th</sup> 1848.

Clematis Knight's      Essential  
 . Clematis Knight's      Germ.



Resolved that the Industrial Committee be authorized  
to send to some one, to see how much  
can be raised at the meeting, & to be ready to  
provide the amount of the interest of  
the subscription.

Resolved that this meeting be, dissolved

A true record

Amos A. Hubbard Secy

" " "

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Warrant for Parish Meeting Jan. 1847

Amos A. Hubbard Collector of the  
1st Parish of Braintree.

In the name of the Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts you are hereby directed to  
notify and warn the members of said  
Parish qualified to vote in elections to meet  
at the Parish Hall on Monday the first  
day of January next at one o'clock P.M.  
then and there to act on the following  
articles to wit:

Art. 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to regulate and  
conduct the meeting.

" 2<sup>nd</sup> If the Parish will unite with the  
Church in a formal invitation to  
the Rev. S. E. Hale to be installed over  
the Church and Society as their Pastor  
and if so make all necessary arrange-  
ments to carry the same into effect.

" 3<sup>rd</sup> If the Parish should not unite with  
the Church as above to see if they will  
make any arrangements for Supper  
in the Vest after the expiration of  
the present engagement with Mr. Hale  
and if so make all necessary arrange-  
ments for the same.

Article 4<sup>th</sup> To see if the Society will purchase  
an additional number of Bibles for  
the Hall

" 5<sup>th</sup> To hear reports and choose committees  
and transact all business that may  
legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this  
warrant by posting up an attested copy  
of the same at the Meeting House seven  
days at least before the time of hold-  
ing said meeting.

To direct said fail not and  
make due return this warrant with  
your doings thereon unto us on or before  
the day of said meeting.

(Witness our  
hands this twenty third day of December  
in the year 1848.)

Leury J. Brown } Prudential  
Alfred Hitchcock } Committee

This may certify that I have served the  
above warrant as directed by posting up  
an attested copy of the same at the  
Meeting House seven days at least before  
the time of holding said meeting.

Wm. Ward Co. Clerk

Brimfield Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> 1848



First Meeting Jan. 5. 1847.

At a first meeting the members of the first Parish in the town of Boston in the Parish held in the presence of the Rev. Mr. H. H. H. The meeting was called to order by the clerk and the Rev. Mr. H. H. H. was chosen Moderator.

Voted That the 1st and 2nd articles be taken to be read and that the clerk call the names.

May 17 May 23

Voted That the year and day be taken to be the 1st of the month of May after the expiration of the present year.

May 20 May 19

Voted To reconsider the above vote.

Voted That a Com. of three be chosen to engage the Rev. B. E. Hale to supply the pulpit till the first of May next but if he is not at that time the Com. be requested to supply the pulpit till the annual meeting.

Com. Samuel S. Hitchcock  
Alfred Homer  
Orson Sherman }

Voted To read the 4th article.

Voted That this meeting be dissolved.

A true record  
Boston 1st Church of Christ  
" 1847

Warrant for the Parish of Princeton Apr 16 1849

To the said Collector of said  
Parish or Congregational Society of Princeton

In the name of the Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn  
the members of said Parish qualified to vote in  
Elections to meet at the Parish Hall on Monday  
the sixteenth day of April next at one o'clock in  
the afternoon then and there to act on the following  
articles viz

- First To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting
- Second To choose all necessary Parish Officers for the year ensuing
- Third To raise such sum of money as may be necessary for  
the support of preaching and contingent expenses
- Fourth To determine what amount of money shall be  
applied on the Slip & what part raised by Tax
- Fifth To see what measures the Parish will adopt to  
supply the clerk the ensuing year
- Sixth To hear reports of committees and agents and act  
on the same
- Seventh To choose committees, agents, and transact all other  
business that may legally come before said meeting

And you are required to return this warrant to the Clerk of said  
attested copy of the same at the Meeting held next day or at  
least before the time of holding said Meeting

And you are required to return this warrant to the Clerk of said  
meeting with your return  
thence unto us on or before the time of said meeting

Witness our hands this fifth day of April in the year 1849

I do hereby certify that I have of Alfred M. Henshaw } President  
given the above warrant as directed } Dea. Philip H. Henshaw } Committee  
to you C. M. West Collector of said Parish  
Princeton April 16<sup>th</sup> 1849 Attest Henry H. Henshaw  
Clerk



At a meeting of the members of the Parish  
at the Parish Hall on Monday April 16<sup>th</sup> 1849  
Messrs J. Brown was chosen Moderator  
Walter C. Brown was chosen Clerk  
and Messrs Benjamin E. Brown and  
Benjamin H. Brown were chosen  
readers of the Prayers & Canticles

William, John, Captain Allen, and George B. were  
also present at the

Timothy Holmes was chosen Clerk. James  
Dunham Brown and Timm Hornum were appointed  
as his Bondsmen.

From <sup>622</sup> \$100 Dollars and he offered for Bondman  
of the Ward from Ebenezer Haight who was  
accepted by the meeting

Notice To raise Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (and  
that it be applied on the Ship in the same  
manner as last year—

to have a Committee of two be added to the committee  
of last year raised to procure money by subscription  
to pay the salary of the Chorister Elizabeth Allen  
and Miss F. M. H. Chown

To choose a committee of three to hire suitable  
ministers to supply the desk. Alonzo B. Brown  
Newton S. Hubbard and James Walker chosen

Resolved That a Committee of three be chosen to make an appraisal on the Ship V.M. & S.B. then to send Comm.

That when this machine returned it advanced  
to meet on Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> and on our  
arrival it was

to be adjourn

A true record

West Haven, Conn.

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Alfred C. ...

On Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> of April the  
Members of the Parish met pursuant to  
adjournment - On motion of Alfred Howe

Resolved That a committee of three be chosen to  
procure subscriptions for the purpose of hiring  
C. M. Ward to lead the Choir of Singers  
for another year. Committee Alfred  
Howe, Eben Pierce and Charles S. Davis

Resolved That the Parochial Committee be authorized  
to hire C. M. Ward for another year as leader  
of the Choir Provided the same Committee procure  
sufficient subscriptions to pay the expense

Resolved That Oliver Johnson be a committee  
in place of Sen Desjardins to be in charge  
of the Gallies

Resolved That the meeting be dissolved

A true record  
Attest Ebene Pierce  
Clerk



# Warrant for Parish Meeting Oct 11

L. S.

To the Collector of the First Parish or Congregational  
for religious worship in the Town of Springfield

You are hereby requested in the name of the  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and  
warn all the members of said Parish or  
Congregational Society in said town, being  
who are qualified by Law to vote in town  
affairs to assemble at the Meeting House in  
said Springfield on Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> day  
of October current at one o'clock P.M. there  
and there to act on the following articles  
to wit

1<sup>st</sup> To chuse a Moderator to regulate sd Meeting

2<sup>d</sup> To see if the Parish or Society will concur  
with the Church of the Parish in giving  
an invitation to the Rev Aaron More of  
Sturbridge to settle over them in the Gospel  
Ministry  
and if so

3<sup>d</sup> To adopt all necessary measures to carry the  
same into effect

4<sup>th</sup> To transact any other business that may  
legally come before the Society

5<sup>th</sup> To see if the Parish will vote to abate the  
Parish Tax against Ann Fish

Hereof fail not and make due return  
of this Warrant with your doings  
thereon to the Parish Clerk on or  
before the time of said meeting

## Warrant Continued

Given under our hands and seal at  
Brimfield this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D. 1849

Ebenezer Knight } President  
James Walker } Committee

Cambridge October 4<sup>th</sup> 1849

In obedience to  
the within warrant I have notified  
and warned all of the members of the  
within named Parish or Congregational  
Society for the purpose within ~~warrant~~  
mentioned by posting up an attested copy  
of said warrant at the Meetinghouse —

James P. Brown } Collector  
} of said  
} Parish

### Parish Meeting October 11<sup>th</sup> 1849

The members of the Parish convened  
at the Meetinghouse in pursuance  
of the foregoing warrant called to  
order by the Clerk and Ebenezer Knight  
chosen Moderator by nomination

Rev. Ebenezer Knight then made a verbal  
communication to the Parish from  
the Church as their Committee stating  
that the Church at a called meeting  
held for that purpose had voted  
unanimously to extend an  
invitation to the Rev. Union Man  
of Cambridge to settle as their Pastor

On motion it was then voted that  
the Parish unite with the Church



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in extending an invitation to the Rev Jason Mann - aforesaid to settle over this Church and Parish as their Pastor

Voted That the Parish will pay an annual Salary to the Rev Jason Mann provided he becomes their settled minister of Six Hundred Dollars so long as he remains such

Voted That the invitation to the Rev J. Mann embrace the following Condition viz

When either party becomes dissatisfied with the connection to each other either the Rev Jason Mann or the one part or a majority of the legal voters of the Parish of the other part and wish to have the connection dissolved the party wishing for the same as the case may be shall give notice to the other party and in six months from said notice the connection shall be dissolved by Ecclesiastical Council

Voted To raise a Committee of four to act with the Church Committee in extending the above invitation and that the same be a Committee of management for the ordination if Mr Mann accepts the invitation

Voted That the Committee <sup>be authorized to</sup> grant Mr Mann the privilege of being about two salaries in each year if he requests the same

Continued

Vote That the Parish recommend to the  
Assessors to abate the Parish tax against  
Poor Fish

Vote That this meeting be adjourned to  
Monday Oct 22<sup>d</sup> at one o'clock P.M.

A true copy of the Warrant and  
proceedings hereunder the same

Attest  
James F. Brown  
Parish Clerk

Princeton, Oct 22<sup>d</sup> 1849  
The first Congregational Society met according  
to adjournment the Moderator being  
about the meeting was called to order  
by Elijah Sargent and James Brown was  
chosen presiding Officer the Clerk being  
about C. M. Ward was chosen Clerk After  
the meeting then adjourned until Thursday  
the first day of November at two o  
clock P.M.

C. M. Ward Clerk pro tem  
A true copy  
Attest  
James F. Brown  
Parish Clerk



Adjourned Meeting Nov 1st 1849

The meeting was called to order by  
the Moderator Eben Knight

The Committee on invitation reported  
that they had addressed the following invitation  
to the Rev Aaron Moore

Copy

Princeton Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 1849

Rev & Dear Sir

The undersigned have been  
deputed a Committee of the Church & First  
Cong. Soc in Princeton to communicate  
to the Rev Aaron Moore of Sturbridge  
the action of said Ch & Soc in reference  
to extending an invitation to him to settle  
over them in the gospel ministry

At a meeting of the  
Ch held for that purpose Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 1849  
voted unanimously, to extend a call on  
and at a meeting of said society Oct 11  
1849 called for the purpose, voted unani-  
mously, to join the Church in the invitation  
upon the following conditions, viz Salary  
Six Hundred Dollars (paid promptly) per  
annum - also that when either party  
becomes dissatisfied with the connection, by  
giving six months notice notice. The  
connection is to be dissolved by Ecclesiastical  
council

A meeting of the Soc stands adjourned  
to meet on Monday the 22<sup>d</sup> Inst, in the  
meantime we shall be pleased to receive  
any communication, you may think fit  
to make

The committee of the Ch together with the  
committee of the said Soc are authorized to  
make such arrangements as the occasion  
and circumstances may require

Oliver Homer	Committee of the Society	Samuel A Hitchcock
Dauphin Brown		Eben Knight
Samuel Lumbard		Jarius Walker
A. S. Hubbard		

Committee  
of the  
Church

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In answer to the foregoing the Committee  
Report that they have recd from Rev  
J. Munn the following

Cops  
Sturbridge Oct-29. 1849

Samuel A. Hitchcock & others Committee of Cong  
Church in Springfield  
Oliver Homer & others Committee of the Society  
Gentlemen

In reply to the letter of your Committee  
dated Oct-11 1849, extending to me an invitation  
from your Church & Society to become their pastor  
allow me to say, having deliberately and I trust  
candidly considered your question I feel it to be a duty, and  
not less a pleasure to accept the invitation of  
your Church and Society, with the conditions therein  
specified

Permit me however, to express the  
hope that your society will act, in reference  
to an item of importance respecting which  
no specifications were made in your letter  
viz the allowing me, yearly, then of four  
weeks as a vacation, during which the Committee  
may be held responsible for the supply of the  
pulpit.

Within your wisdom and grace from above,  
and fervently praying that this contemplated  
connection between your Church & Society and  
myself, may secure our highest mutual good  
and the honor of the great Head of the Church  
I am respectfully & sincerely

Yours Jason Munn

Messrs S. A. Hitchcock }  
Ebenzer Knight } Committee of Church  
James Walker }

Messrs Oliver Homer }  
Daphnia Proctor }  
Samuel Lumbard } Committee of the Society  
Newton S. Hubbard }



## Continued

Resolved That in relation to allowing Mr. Allen the privilege of being absent 3 or 4 weeks yearly as he requests, that the Committee be directed to communicate to him the vote passed on that subject at the first meeting.

Resolved That a committee of five be chosen to solicit funds for the support of a singing school this season. Dauphin Brown, Henry Solomon, Ezra Burr, Nelson Howe and James H. Brown were chosen.

Mr. Solomon wishes to be excused on the plea that he has given to the Parish a great amount of time for purposes of like nature it was

Resolved That on all monies that he should collect for the above purposes that the Parish would pay him a commission of five per cent on the amount.

Resolved That the meeting be adjourned

A true record

Attest

James H. Brown  
Parish Clerk

Warrant for Parish Meeting April 10 1820

to the Collector of the First Parish or  
Congregational Society in Brimfield

In the name of the  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are  
hereby directed to notify and cause the  
prebunders and other inhabitants of the First  
Parish or Congregational Society in Brimfield  
assembled to hold in town affairs to assemble  
at the Town Hall in said Brimfield on  
Monday the fifteenth day of April Inst.  
at one o'clock P.M. there and there to  
act on the following articles to wit,

Art 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to regulate said meeting

Art 2<sup>d</sup> To choose all such parish officers as the law  
directs to be chosen in the months of  
March or April

Art 3<sup>d</sup> To see if the Parish will raise the salary  
of the Rev. Jason Morse

Art 4<sup>th</sup> To see what amount the Parish will  
approp on the slips to defray the expences  
for the current year

Art 5<sup>th</sup> To make arrangement for appraising  
& sale of the Slips for the current year

Art 6<sup>th</sup> To see if the Parish will make  
any arrangements to repair the roof  
of the Meeting house or any other part  
of the same

Art 7<sup>th</sup> To hear the report of the Parish Committee  
and Treasurer on the State of the Expences  
& Condition of the funds of the parish & act  
thereon



Warrant Continued

105 5 7<sup>th</sup> To hear all reports & choose all necessary committees & transact all other business that may legally come before the Parish

And you are required to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Town Hall seven days before the time of holding said meeting.

Whereof fail not and make return of this warrant & your doings thereon to the parish clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands & seal this first day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and fifty

Ebenezer Knight President  
Aurus Walke Committee  
Jos L Woods }

Wampeten p. April 6 1850

I hereby certify that I have made service of the within named warrant by posting up an attested copy of said warrant at the Town Hall as within directed

James Brown } Collector  
of sd Parish

Bainfield April 15<sup>th</sup> 1850

# Parish Meeting April 15 1860

In pursuance of the the above warrant the members of said Society met at the Town Hall at one o'clock and was called to order by the Clerk and Henry H. Brown was chosen Moderator by ballot J. L. Woods was chosen Clerk and was sworn by the Moderator.

Samuel Homer Alfred Hitchcock and Cheney Solander were chosen Prudential Committee and offered  
Cheney Solander was chosen Collector & Treasurer and offered Alfred Homer and Alfred Hitchcock as bondsmen, and they were accepted. The collection was struck off to Cheney Solander for three \$500 dollars.

Voted to raise six hundred dollars salary for Rev. J. S. Morse

Voted to appt seven hundred and fifty dollars on the slips for the current year

Voted to appraise the slip the same as last year

Voted that the Prudential Committee place the appraisal on the slips and dispose of the same

The Prudential Committee, made the following report of the finances of the Parish on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 1860

The Parish is D<sup>t</sup> as follows

To the Treasurer	1,32
Outstanding order to Dr E Wright on account of money advanced to supply the pulpit from May 1 to Dec 17 1849 also for wood oil and sundary repairs	272,01



Continued

Out standing order to Rev. J. A. Nurse for his salary from Dec 12 1848 to May 17 1850 230.00

Out standing order to C. M. Ward for taking care of the meeting house 16.00

Out standing order to Fairus Walker for boarding (boarding men & keeping horses 1.25

Due to James Brown for collecting ship rents 4,625

Making a total of \$534,205

The Parish is Credited to amount due them for ship rents in the hands of the collector \$693.32

Leaving a balance due the Parish of one hundred and fifty nine dollars and Eleven Cents.

All of which is respectfully submitted

Brimfield Apr. 12<sup>th</sup> 1850

Eben. Knight

Jos. L. Woods

Fairus Walker

} Prudential Committee

The report was accepted

Noted the Prudential Committee. He authorised to repair the roof of the Meeting house by patching or otherwise

## Continued

Voted that N. J. Hubbard, Cheney  
Solander & Wm Sherman be a  
committee to solicit subscriptions  
to pay C. M. Ward for singing for  
the ensuing year

Voted that the Prudential Committee  
be authorized to employ C. M. Ward  
to sing for the ensuing year; Provided  
the sum of fifty dollars can be  
raised by subscription

Voted that the slip rent be made  
payable on the first of March

Voted to adjourn to Monday the  
27 day of April at one o'clock P. M.

A true record

Attest Jos. D. Woods

Parish Clerk

### Adjourned Meeting Apr 27 1850

The meeting was called to order by the  
Clerk and Cheney Solander was chosen  
Moderator

Voted that Geo Lauphin Brown and  
Elijah Allen be a committee to  
preserve order in the gallery and  
to keep persons out not belonging  
there

Voted That the Parish be responsible  
for C. M. Ward's salary for singing

Voted to adjourn to the church hall for the  
purpose of attending to the sale of the slip  
after which it was

Voted to dissolve the meeting  
A true record Attest Jos. D. Woods Parish Clerk



Warrant for Parish Meeting April 1st 1881

Hampden Co To Cheney Solazides Collector  
of the first Parish or Congregational Society  
in Barnfield

Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of  
the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to  
notify and warn the members of said  
Parish, or Congregation in said town of  
Barnfield who are qualified by law to act  
in their affairs to assemble at the house  
in said Barnfield on Monday the twenty  
first day of April next, it being the third  
Monday, at two o'clock P.M. then and there  
to act on the following articles viz,

Art. 1 To choose a moderator to preside at  
said meeting

Art. 2 To choose all necessary Parish officers  
for the year ensuing

Art. 3 To hear the report of the prudential  
Committee

Art. 4 To see if the Parish will raise  
and appropriate money for the  
Salary of the Free School House

Art. 5 To see if the Society will raise and  
appropriate any money for the support of  
Singing

Art. 6 To see what amount of money  
shall be apportioned on the slips of said  
Society

Art. 7 To see if the Society will raise money  
for contingent Expenses

Art. 8 To hear reports of agents & Committees

Art. 9 To appoint any agents or Committees  
that may be necessary

And you are required to serve this warrant  
by posting an attested copy of the same at  
the town hall seven days at least before  
the time of holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and return this warrant  
with your doings thereon, to the clerk of  
said Society on or before the time of holding  
said meeting )

Given under our hands and seal this  
seventh day of April A.D. 1831

Alfred Hitchcock } Prudential  
Cheney Solander } Committee  
Solomon Hornum }

I hereby certify that I have served this  
the within warrant by posting an attested  
copy thereof at the town hall seven days before  
the time of holding said meeting

Cheney Solander

Collector

A true Copy attest

Josh. L. Woods

Town Clerk



Parish Meeting April 21<sup>st</sup> 1851

The meeting met according to the above  
Warrant and H. J. Brown was chosen Moderator  
J. L. Woods, Clerk

Alfred Hitchcock, Solomon Bond & Lewis Horner  
were chosen prudential Committee

Solomon Horner, C. W. Bennett & E. Allen  
were chosen assessors

Noted To put the collection of the ship  
rents to the Assessors

The collection was struck off to Elijah  
Jarrell for 45<sup>00</sup> dollars and he was chosen  
collector and offered Levi Blip & Lewis Horner  
as bondsmen who were accepted

Dr. E. Knights was chosen Treasurer  
and offered C. W. Bennett and Josephine <sup>Bennett</sup>  
bondsmen who were accepted

The Prudential Committee made the  
following report which was accepted

The Prudential Committee, having  
examined the state of the finances of the  
Parish make the following report

The Parish owe as follows  
To C. W. Ward for taking care of the meeting house \$25.00  
" C. Solander for collecting ship rents 3.75  
\$28.75

The Parish stand credited

By amount due on notes & accounts for  
ship rents not yet collected \$109.35  
By cash in hands of Treasurer 165.00  
\$274.35

Leaving a balance due the Parish April  
21<sup>st</sup> 1851 two hundred & forty five dollars & fifty cents \$245.50  
All which is respectfully submitted

Solomon Horner

Therney Solander

Alfred Hitchcock

Prudential  
Committee

Winfield April 21<sup>st</sup> 1851

Voted To raise and appropriate six hundred dollars for the salary of the Rev. Jason Nason

Voted That S. I. Hitchcock, L. L. Brown, H. F. Brown, J. J. Warren & N. S. Hubbard be a committee to report at the next meeting what measures shall be taken to support the singing for the ensuing year

Voted That seven hundred & fifty dollars be assessed on the slips and that they be marked the same as last year

Voted To appropriate one hundred & fifty dollars for contingent expenses

Voted That when we adjourn, we adjourn to Monday next at two o'clock P. M.

Voted That the Industrial Committee be authorised to place an iron railing in front of the front wing & body slips

Voted To adjourn the meeting

A true record attest

Jos. L. Woods

Parish Clerk



Adjourned Meeting April 28<sup>th</sup> 1851

The Society met according to adjournment.  
Elijah Tarbell was excused as Collector  
and Ebenezer Knight as Treasurer

Voted To chose a collector & Treasurer in  
one person with a compensation of  
four dollars & Sixty two cents and  
Cherrey Solander was chosen and  
offered Alvin Homer & Vinton Hubbard  
bondsmen and they were accepted

Voted That the Prudential Committee  
be authorized to pay to Calvin H.  
Ward the sum of fifty dollars for leading  
the singing on the Sabbath and for  
holding such other meetings for the  
improvement of the Choir as he may  
think best for one year ending May  
1<sup>st</sup> 1852. Provided that the sum of fifty  
dollars cannot be raised by subscription  
for that purpose

Voted That that committee on singing  
circulate a paper to raise money to  
pay Mr. Ward for leading the singing

Voted That the Prudential Committee  
be a committee to seat strangers

Voted That Cherrey Solander Dauphin  
Brown & Elijah Allen be a commit-  
tee to keep order in <sup>the</sup> gallery

Voted To adjourn up stairs to attend  
to the sale of the slips, after  
which it was

Voted to Dissolve the meeting

A true record Attest

Jos. L. Woods  
Parish Clerk

Warrant for Parish Meeting April. 19<sup>th</sup>. 1852

To Cheney Solander Collector of the first Parish or Congregational Society in Brimfield, Greeling.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn all the members of said Parish or Congregational Society in said town of Brimfield who are qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the townhall in said Brimfield on Monday the nineteenth day of April inst it being the third Monday. at one o'clock P. M. then and there to act on the following articles viz

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- 2 To choose all necessary Parish officers for the year ensuing
- 3 To hear the report of the Prudential Committee
- 4 To see if the Society will raise and appropriate money for the salary of the Rev Jason Mearns
- 5 To see if the Society will raise and appropriate any money for the support of Singing.
- 6 To see what amount of money shall be assessed on the slips of the Society
- 7 To see if the Society will raise money for contingent expenses
- 8 To see what measures the Society will take if any to paint the Meetinghouse
- 9 To choose all agents or committees that may be necessary and transact all other business that may be thought necessary.

And you are required to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at the townhall seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting

Hereby fail not and return this warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk of said Society on or before the time of holding said meeting.



Given under our hand and Seal this Fifth day  
of April A. D. 1852

Alfred Hitchcock } Prudential  
Solomon Bond } Committee

Hampden ss

This certifies that I have served the  
within warrant by posting up an attested copy  
thereof at the town hall ten days before the  
time of said meeting

Cheney Solander } Collector  
A true copy attest  
Elijah Allen  
Parish Clerk.

Parish Meeting April 19<sup>th</sup> 1852

The meeting met according to the above warrant  
Henry F. Brown was chosen  
Moderator.

Elijah Allen. Clerk - and sworn.

Alfred Homer } Prudential  
Cheney Solander } Committee  
James J. Warren }

H. <sup>sr</sup> J. Sherman. L. J. Hubbard. Jos L. Moody,  
Assessors.

Cheney Solander - - - Collector

voted. To pay five dollars for collecting poor rents

voted. Alfred Hitchcock. Treasurer.

voted That the collector and Treasurer be requi  
red to give bonds

voted To accept Linus Homer and Eost E Knight  
as bondsmen for the Treasurer and  
Alfred Homer and Linus Homer for the  
Collector

voted Do accept the report of the Prudential Committee which was as follows

Prudential Committee beg leave to report  
Lubelatus

Due to C. C. H. Ward for taking charge of house	25.00
C. C. H. Ward for singing	50.00
C. Schlander for collecting slip rents	4.61
For printing blank notes	2.75
Rufus Baker for repairing meetinghouse	1.50
	<u>83.87</u>

Assets

In the hands of C. Schlander collector	76.03
In the hands of C. Schlander Parish Treasurer	23.91
	<u>359.94</u>
	<u>83.87</u>

Don-in favor of Parish — — — 276.07

Linus Homer } Prudential  
Brimfield April 19, 1882 } Alfred Hitchcock } born

voted - To raise \$6.00 for the salary of her parson Morse.  
voted - To pass over the 5<sup>th</sup> article in the warrant  
voted - To apress 750 dollars on the Slips, and that the Prudential Comm. do it as they think proper and report at an adjourned meeting.

voted - To raise 150 dollars for contingent expenses

voted - That when this meeting adjourns it adjourn to Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> of Apr at one o'clock P. M.

voted That the 8<sup>th</sup> article be passed over to the adjourned meeting

voted That the Apspos, be requested to revise a list of members of the Parish and return the same to the Clerk.

voted That Deot E. Knight, Jarius Walker, Linus Homer, Jos. L. Woods, W. M. J. Sherman, be a Committee to solicit members to the Society.

voted - That the meeting adjourn

a true record attest

Elijah Allen Parish Clerk



Adjourned Meeting April 26<sup>th</sup> 1852.

The Society meeting according to adjournment

Voted That a com of three be chosen and authorized to pay C. M. Ward the sum of fifty dollars for leading the singing on the Sabbath and holding such other meetings for their improvement as he may think best for one year ending May 1<sup>st</sup> 1853. provided that the sum of fifty dollars cannot be raised by subscription for that purpose.

Voted Ebenezer Knight Eli, Barron & J. Hubbard the above Committee

Voted To adopt the report of the com on Marking Slips which was the same as last year

Voted To paint the Meeting house the ensuing year

Voted. That a com of three be chosen to paint the house inside and out so far as they think proper.

Voted Dr Ebenezer Knight, Samuel C. Hitchcock and Orson Sherman that Committee

Voted That the gallery be occupied exclusively by the Choir

Voted That a com of three be chosen to carry the above vote into effect

Voted  
Dauphin Brown } that com  
Elijah Allen  
Calvin M. Ward

Voted To adjourn up stairs to sell the Slips

Voted To dissolve the Meeting

A true record Attest

Elijah Allen  
Parish Clerk

# Warrant for Parish Meeting April 18 1832

To Henry Scudder Collector of the first Parish  
or Congregational Society in Brimfield

Greeting  
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn  
all the members of said Parish or Congregational  
Society in said Town of Brimfield who are  
qualified by law to vote in town affairs  
to assemble at the Town Hall in said Brimfield  
on Monday the eighteenth day of April inst.  
it being the third Monday at one o'clock P.M.  
then and there to act on the following articles,

- viz,
- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to preside at said Meeting
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> To choose all necessary Parish officers for  
the ensuing year.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> To hear the Report of the Prudential Committee
  - 4<sup>th</sup> To see if the Society will raise and appropriate  
money for the salary of the Rev. pastor thereof
  - 5<sup>th</sup> To see if the Society will raise and appropriate  
any money for the support of singing.
  - 6<sup>th</sup> To see what amount of money shall be assessed  
on the slips of said Society.
  - 7<sup>th</sup> To see what amount of money the Society  
will raise for contingent expenses.
  - 8<sup>th</sup> To hear reports of all agents or committees  
previously chosen and act thereon.
  - 9<sup>th</sup> To choose all Agents or Committees that may  
be necessary and transact all other business  
that may legally come before said Meeting

And you are directed to serve this warrant  
by posting up an attested copy of the same  
at the town Hall seven days at least before  
the time of holding said Meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this  
warrant with your doings thereon to us  
on or before the time of holding said meeting.



Given under our hand and seal this 1st day  
of April A.D. 1853.

Cheney Solander }  
Alfred Homer } Prudential  
James J. Warren } Committee

This certifies that I have served the within warrant  
by posting an attested copy thereof at the town hall  
ten days before the time of holding said meeting

Cheney Solander } Parish  
Collector

### Parish Meeting April 18<sup>th</sup> 1853.

The meeting met according to the above warrant  
and were called to order by the clerk

Voted - For moderator - Newton S. Hubbard.

For clerk - Elijah Allen. - and sworn

Voted - For Prudential Committee { Cheney Solander  
Marcus Hitchcock  
Calvin L. Upham

Voted - Assessors - { N. S. Hubbard.  
S. W. Brown. Dauphin Brown

Voted For Collector and Treasurer. { Cheney Solander

Voted To accept as bondsmen for collector & treasurer  
Alfred Homer - Ebenezer Knight.

Voted To accept the Prudential Committee's report  
as follows

The Prudential Committee having  
examined the state of the finances of the parish  
the following report - Liabilities nothing.  
Cash in the hands of the Treasurer - \$ 226, 41  
Vote in favor of the Society - \$ 50, 00  
Making - \$ 276, 41

All of which is respectfully submitted.  
Brimfield April 14<sup>th</sup> 1853

Cheney Solander }  
Alfred Homer } Prudential  
James J. Warren } Comm.

- voted To pay the sum of seven dollars for collecting  
 voted To raise and appropriate six hundred dollars for the  
 salary of the Rev Jason Morse.  
 voted To pay E. M. Ward fifty dollars for singing.  
 voted To assess 750 dollars on the slips the same as last  
 year.  
 voted To appropriate one hundred dollars for contingent  
 expenses  
 voted That the Prudential Committee keep a record of  
 the names and date of the members of the  
 Society, and be requested to select some  
 members to the Society.  
 voted That the Prudential Comm be the com. to mark  
 the slips.  
 voted That the Slips in the Church be rented on  
 Monday next April 25 at one o'clock P. M.  
 and that they give notice of the same.  
 and that when this meeting adjourn  
 it be at that time and place  
 voted That the Treasurer be instructed to loan  
 the money in his hands on good security  
 voted so adjourn

A true record Attest  
 Elijah Allen  
 Clerk



Coloured Meeting April 25 1891

The Society met according to adjournment

Noted. That a Com. of three be chosen to take up  
the carpets and clean the stove pipe when  
necessary.

voted That the Prudential Com. be the above Comm.

Voted That there be a Com of three chosen to improve the steps into the Hall, and consider the expediency of putting another Stove into the Church.

voted - The above Committee

{	Henry F. Brown
	Ebenezer Knight
	Alfred Hitchcock

voted That this meeting adjourn to the room  
above for the purpose of renting the Slips,

voted To dissolve the meeting.

A true record Attest  
Elijah Allen, Clerk

Warrant for Parish Meetings April 25<sup>th</sup> 1853

To the collector of the Congregational  
Society in Brumfield Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn all the members of said Parish or Congregational Society in said Town of Brimfield who are qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs to assemble at the Town Hall in said Brimfield on Monday the twenty fifth inst at four o'clock P. M. then and there to act on the following articles, viz

1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.  
2<sup>nd</sup> To see if the Society will appropriate money  
to buy an organ or musical instrument  
for the use of the choir.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant  
by posting up an attested copy of the same  
at the town Hall seven days at least before  
the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this  
warrant with your doings thereon to us on  
or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this <sup>fourth</sup> day  
of April A.D. 1853,

Cheney Solander (Prudentia)  
Marcus Hitchcock (Committee)  
Calvin S. Hubbard

I hereby certify that I have served the within  
Warrant by posting an attested copy thereof  
at the town Hall seven days before the  
time of holding said meeting

Cheney Solander (Parish  
Collector)

Parish Meeting April 25<sup>th</sup> 1853

The meeting met according to the above warrant  
and was called to order by the Clerk

Voted - James Walker Moderator.

Voted - That the Parish appropriate the sum  
of \$125, or for the purpose of pur-  
chasing a musical Instrument for  
the use of the Choir

Voted To choose a Com. of three to purchase  
an Instrument for the use of the Choir

Voted Calvin M. Ward.)  
Wilson Homer.) the above committee  
Elijah Allen

Voted To adjourn See also a true record Attest  
Elijah Allen  
Parish Clerk



# Warrant for Parish Meeting April 17<sup>th</sup> 1844

Hampden SS.

To Cheney Solander Collector  
of the Congregational Society in Brimfield.

Greeting,

In the name of the Commonwealth  
of Massachusetts you are hereby directed  
to notify and warn all the members of  
said Parish & Congl Society in said Town  
of Brimfield qualified to vote in Town  
affairs to assemble in the Town Hall in said  
Brimfield on Monday the seventeenth day of April  
inst it being the third Monday at one O'clock  
P<sup>m</sup> then and there to act on the following  
articles Viz

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting
- 2<sup>nd</sup> To choose all necessary Parish Officers for the  
year ensuing
- 3<sup>d</sup> To hear the financial report of the Prudential  
Committee
- 4<sup>th</sup> To see if the Society will raise money for  
the salary of the Rev Jason Morse and take  
any measures to increase the same.
- 5<sup>th</sup> To see if the Society will take any measures  
to pay the Rev Jason Morse Salary semiannually
- 6<sup>th</sup> To see what amount of money the Society  
will assess on the Slips of said Society
- 7<sup>th</sup> To see what amount of money the Society  
will raise for contingent expenses.
- 8<sup>th</sup> To see if the Society will raise and appropriate  
any money for the support of Singing.
- 9<sup>th</sup> To see if the Society will take any measures  
to warm the blinds on their meeting House
- 10<sup>th</sup> To hear report of all Agents or Committees  
previously chosen and act thereon.
- 11<sup>th</sup> To choose all Agents or Committees that may  
be necessary and transact all other business  
that may legally come before said meeting

Warrant Continued

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy thereof at the Town Hall seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to me on or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this fourth day of April A.D. 1854

Cheney Solander } Prudential  
Ephraim Hitchcock } Committee  
Carver L. Wham }

This certifies that I have served this Warrant by posting an attested copy thereof at the Town Hall seven days before the time of holding said meeting as within directed.

Cheney Solander

Irish Collector



Parish Meeting April 17<sup>th</sup> 1884

The meeting met as directed by the foregoing  
warrant and the following officers were chosen

For Moderator

Caupen Brown

For Clerk

Edgar Allen and others

For Prudential Committee

Alfred Hitchcock

Elie Barrows

Nelson Homer

For Assessors

C. S. Hubbard

Jos L. Woods

Edwin S. Allen

Treasurer & Collector - Cheney Solander

Voted to pay seven dollars for collecting the Parish  
assessments

Voted to accept the report of Prudential committee  
which follows

Your Committee beg leave to report

Liabilities all settled to the first of May

There is now in the hands of the Treasurer

one note of - - - - - \$ 100,00

Interest on the same - - - 6,00

one note of - - - - - 50,00

Interest on the same - - - 2,60

Cash in the hands of the Treasurer 63,68

Making now in the Treasury 122,28

All of which is respectfully submitted

Cheney Solander

Marcus Hitchcock Prudential

Calvin L. Upham Committee

Voted To accept as bondsmen for collector and Treasurer  
Orest Ebenezer Knight & Jos L. Woods

Voted To raise the salary of Rev Jason Morse and increase  
the same one hundred dollars making it now  
seven hundred dollars - \$ 700,00

Voted To pay the salary of Rev Jason Morse semiannually

Voted To assess \$ 800,00 on the Slips making an increase  
of fifty dollars on the former assessments

Prize Meeting for April 17<sup>th</sup> 1854 Continued

- voted To appropriate one hundred dollars for contingent expenses (as last year)
- voted To appropriate fifty dollars for Singing the same
- voted That the Prudential committee be required to secure the floor near the meeting house
- voted That the committee chosen last year be instructed to repair the floor as then directed
- voted The following committee to appraise the Slips  
Samuel & Hitchcock & Doctor E. Knight  
Jiras Walker - L. G. Hubbard  
Solomon Dimes.
- voted To adjourn two weeks from today at two o'clock P.M.

A true record Attest.

Elijah Allen

Parish Clerk

Adjourned Meeting May 1<sup>st</sup> 1854

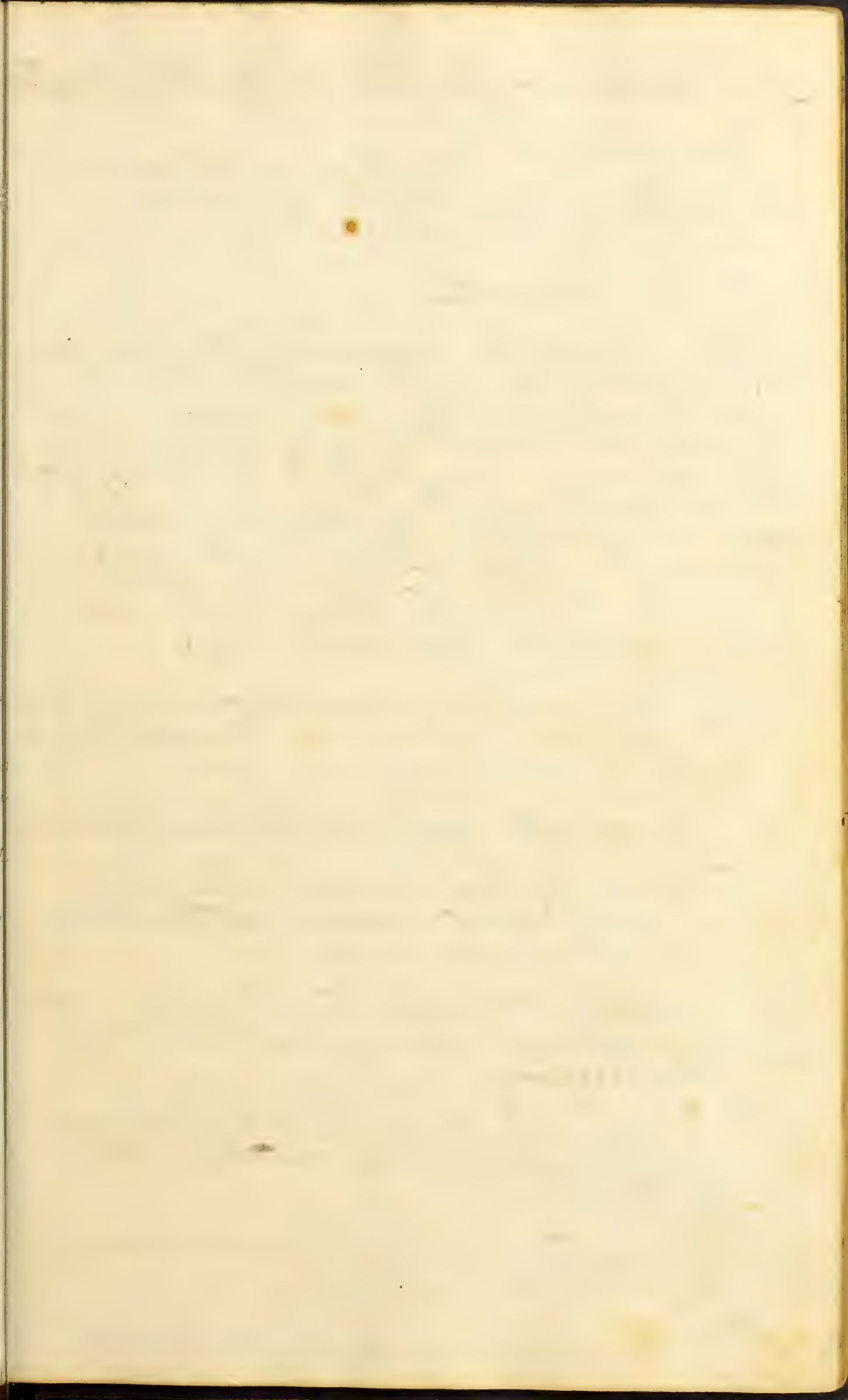
The Society met according to adjournment

- voted To hear the proceedings of the last meeting read
- voted To accept the report of the Committee to appraise the Slips
- voted To add 46 dollars to the former appraisement on the Slips making it now \$846.50
- voted To adopt the report of the above committee
- voted To adjourn up stairs to sell the Slips
- The meeting was then dissolved

Elijah Allen

Parish Clerk





Warrant for Parish Meeting Apr 16, 1853

Hampden S. S. to Cherry Solomon,  
Collector of the First-Congregational  
Society in Brimfield.

Greeting. You are hereby  
required in the name of the Com-  
monwealth of Massachusetts to notify  
and warn all the members of said  
Society in due form of Brimfield  
qualifying by law to vote in town affairs  
to assemble at the Town Hall in  
said Brimfield on Monday the  
sixteenth day of April at one  
o'clock P.M. it being the third  
Monday. Then and there to act on  
the following Articles (viz)

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> To choose all necessary Parish Officers  
for the year ensuing.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> To hear the report of the Prudential Committee.
- 4<sup>th</sup> To see if the Society will raise  
and appropriate money for the salary  
of the Pastor and Clerk.
- 5<sup>th</sup> To see if the Society will raise and  
appropriate money for the support  
of singing.
- 6<sup>th</sup> To see what amount of money  
shall be assessed on the ships of  
the Society.
- 7<sup>th</sup> To see if the Society will raise money  
for contingent expenses.
- 8<sup>th</sup> To hear reports of Agents & Commissioners



9<sup>th</sup> It is sufficient - any agent, or Committee,  
that - may be necessary.

And you are required to send this  
warrant by posting up at the  
copy of the same at the town  
hall. I am clear at least before  
the time of holding said meeting

Hereof fair not-come within this  
Wassant, with some clings thereon  
to the Clerk of said Society on  
or before the time of holding  
said meeting.

Green water on  
mud and soil. This second day  
of April A. D. 1855,

Wilson & Hemmer } President,  
E. J. Beysens } Comm  
Alfred Hitchcock } itter,

I hereby certify that I have  
received the within Manuscript  
by posting up an attested Copy  
 thereof, at the Town Hall, &  
 seven days before the time of  
 holding said meeting,

Cheney Solomiter  
Perish Collector,

A true Copy, attest-

Edwin B. Allen  
Perish Clark

Agreeable to the foregoing Warrant - Members  
of the Parish met at the Town Hall  
on evening April 16<sup>th</sup> 1855.

Newton S. Hubbard } new chosen collector,

Edwin B. Allen, } new chosen clerk & town.

Cherney Solomon }  
Samuel W. Brown } new chosen  
Orson Sherman } Prudential Committee.

Thurston Spring }  
Elijah Farwell } new chosen Assessors,  
Benjamin Sherman }

Cherney Solomon, } new chosen Treasurer.

Cherney Solomon } " " Collector.

Vote To pay Cherney Solomon seven dollars  
for collecting.

Vote To accept John Wyles & Joseph  
L. Wood, & Benjamin for the Solomon.

Prudential Committee made their  
report as follows,

" Your Committee beg leave to report -  
Liabilities all settled to the first  
of May, 1855

Amount given - the funds of the  
Treasurer - \$ 94.18

In the hands of Collector 28.67

making grand sum of \$ 122.85

All of which is respectfully  
submitted,

Alfred Hitchcock }  
Eld Bassett }

Vote To accept the above report.



Vote To raise the same amount  
— that was raised last year  
for the feeding of the poor  
\$700.00

Vote That the Prudential Committee be  
instructed to confer with C. M.  
Went to take charge of the singing  
at the same wages last year.

Vote To reconsider the above vote.

On motion of Henry H. Brown it was

Vote, That in consequence of the ill  
health of the Rev. John Allen  
that the Prudential Committee  
be authorized to tender to him  
leave of absence for three months  
in behalf of the Parish, and that his  
salary be continued the same  
as if he performed his usual  
labors and that the Prudential  
Committee supply the Week  
while he may be absent,  
and draw on the Treasury for  
expense of the same.

Vote That the rent of the House  
be made payable the 1<sup>st</sup> of  
November, and interest  
after.

Vote To raise the same amount on  
the House as last year.

Vote To pass over the 7<sup>th</sup> article.

Vote That the Prudential Committee  
be authorized to act with S. A. Hitchcock  
in regard to the Bell

Over

Resolved That the Prudential Committee  
be instructed, to mend the carpet  
on the west-side - take up the  
carpet - mend the floor, take  
down the stone steps, & clean the  
same,

Resolved That the mending of Ships be  
left with the Prudential Committee,

Resolved To choose a Committee of three to  
take into consideration the subject  
of obtaining the end Ships, and report  
at next meeting Cyril K. Brown  
Henry H. Brown Joseph L. Wood, & one  
therein,

Resolved, That the Prudential Committee  
be instructed, to enquire if any  
money has been wrongfully taken  
from anyone,

Resolved To adjourn to Monday April 30<sup>th</sup>  
at one o'clock P. M.

A. Your servant. Attest,

Ephraim B. Allen.  
Parish Clerk



1 Adjourned Meeting April 30<sup>th</sup> 1855  
Members of the Parish met according  
to adjournment,

Vote, To adjourn up & then to hold the  
Lign,

Vote To take measures to have the  
Bill exchanged,

Vote To raise the money for  
defraying the expenses by  
subscription

Vote To choose a Committee of three  
to solicit subscriptions,

Henry Colver }  
Warren A. Farbell } Committee,  
Alfred L. Conover }

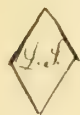
Vote To Dissolve the meeting,

A true record

Attest:

Edwin B. Allen  
Parish Clerk

# Warrant for Parish Meeting April 1856.



Hampden Is.

To Cheney Sclander, Collector of the first Parish or Congregational Society in Brimfield, Greeting,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn all the members of said Parish or Congregational Society in said town of Brimfield, who are qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town Hall in said Brimfield, on Monday the twenty first of April inst., it being the third Monday, at one o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following Articles, viz;

- Art. 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
- " 2<sup>d</sup> To choose all necessary Parish officers for the year ensuing.
- " 3<sup>d</sup> To hear the financial report of the Prudential Committee.
- " 4<sup>th</sup> To see if the Society will raise and appropriate the salary of the Rev. Jason Morse and direct when the same shall be paid.
- " 5<sup>th</sup> To see if the Society will raise and appropriate any money for the support of singing.
- " 6<sup>th</sup> To see if the Society will alter the assessment of any of the Slips of said Society.
- " 7<sup>th</sup> To see if the Society will take any measures to paint their Meeting House.
- " 8<sup>th</sup> To see what amount of money the Society will raise for contingent expenses.
- " 9<sup>th</sup> To hear reports of all Agents or Committees previously chosen.
- " 10<sup>th</sup> To choose all Agents or Committees that may be necessary.

And you are required to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us on or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under





Liabilities of the Society are all settled up to Mar 1<sup>st</sup> 1856. There is now in the hands of the Collector Sixteen dollars not collected. In the Treasurers hands cash \$33.31, also a debt against A. S. Robinson of \$100. with interest on the same of \$5.50, making a total in favor of the Society of \$154.51.

J. W. Brown } Prudential  
C. Solander }  
Erson Sherman } Committee.

Voted, To raise \$100. Dollars for the salary of the Rev. Jason Morse, to be paid semiannually.

Voted, To assess \$800. on the Slips in the same manner as last year.

Voted, A Committee to ascertain the probable expense of painting the out and inside of the meeting house and report at an adjourned meeting.

Com. Dr. E. Knight, Chas. Solander & Erson Sherman.

Voted, To authorize the Prudential Committee to pay Elijah Allen \$25. for leading the singing the coming year.

Voted, To pass over the 8<sup>th</sup> Article.

Voted, To accept & adopt the Report of the Com. appointed to ascertain whether any money has been taken from any one wrongfully by tax, which was, That no one has been wronged by tax so far as we can ascertain.

Voted, To appoint a Com. to take charge of a proposed Library Com. J. W. Brown, A. S. Nuttard & J. L. Woods.

Voted, To adjourn till Monday next (April 29<sup>th</sup>) at 2 o'clock P.M.  
A true record, Attest C. A. Marsh Parish Clerk

Adjourned Parish Meeting April 29<sup>th</sup> 1856.

Members of the Parish of First Congregational Society met according to adjournment.

Voted, That the Slip rent be paid the 1<sup>st</sup> of Nov. 1856.

Voted, To accept and adopt the Report of the Com. on painting the Meeting House, which was the following, Your <sup>Com.</sup> report that the house needs painting, and would therefore recommend that it be painted.

Voted, That a Com. of 3 be appointed to take charge of the painting the Meeting House the coming season.



The Com. appointed were Dr. E. Knight, Cheney  
Solander & Erson Sherman.

Voted, To adjourn up stairs to sell the Slips.  
Voted, To dissolve the meeting.

A true record,

Attest,

E. A. Marsh Parish Clerk.

Warrant for Parish Meeting July 1856.

Hampden ss.

To the Collector of the First Parish  
or Congregational Society for Religious Worship in  
Brimfield;

Greeting;

You are hereby required in the  
name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to  
warn all the members of said Society qualified  
to vote in town affairs to assemble at the  
Parish Hall in said Brimfield of Thursday  
the Seventeenth inst. at three and one half  
o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the  
following articles, viz;

Art. 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside at said  
Meeting.

" 2<sup>d</sup> To see if the Society will add to the  
present Salary of the Rev. Jason Morse ~~one~~  
hundred dollars, making eight hundred  
dollars

" 3<sup>d</sup> To see if the Society will take any  
measures to procure a Library for their  
Pastor.

And you are required to serve this  
warrant by posting an attested copy of the  
same at the Parish Hall seven days at least  
before the time of holding said Meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return, of  
this Warrant with your doings thereon, to us  
on or before the time of holding said Meeting  
Given under our hand and seal at

Brimsfield this eighth day of July A.D. 1856.

Cheney Solander } Parish  
Marcus Hitchcock } Committee

Hamden Ct. July 16<sup>th</sup> 1856.

I have served the within  
Warrant by posting up an attested copy  
of the same, at the Parish Hall seven  
days before the time of holding this  
Meeting.

Cheney Solander,  
Parish Collector.

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### Parish Meeting July 17<sup>th</sup> 1856.

At a legal Meeting of the members of the First  
Parish of Congregational Society of Brimsfield held  
in pursuance of the foregoing Warrant,

Voted Cheney Solander Moderator.

The following motion was presented by  
M. F. Brown; viz. - That the Society add One  
Hundred Dollars per year to the Salary of  
the Rev. Mr. Morse, commencing Aug 1<sup>st</sup> 1856.  
Laid on the Table for further consideration

Voted To adjourn four weeks from the 1<sup>st</sup> of Aug at  
Three o'clock P.M., which will be the 14<sup>th</sup>  
of Aug. next.

A true record, C. A. Marsh,  
Parish Clerk.

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Parish Meeting Aug 14<sup>th</sup> 1856

Met according to adjournment. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator and N. S. Hubbard chosen Clerk, and sworn,

voted To adjourn to Saturday Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1 o'clock P.M.  
N. S. Hubbard  
Clerk

Parish Meeting Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1856.

Met according to adjournment. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator.

H. A. Brown's motion was taken up and passed unanimously.

voted, A committee of three to ~~select~~ solicit funds for a Library. Com. John Wyles, Wilson Homer and C. L. Upham.

voted, To authorize the Parish Com. to dispose of the Bell Rope.

voted, To appoint a Com. of 5 to engage a Chorister to take the lead of singing. Com. John Wyles, H. A. Brown, Dea. G. Brown, N. S. Hubbard Dea. C. R. Brown.

voted To dissolve the meeting.

C. A. Marsh,  
Parish Clerk.

# Warrant for Parish Meeting Apr. 26<sup>th</sup> 37

[L.S.] Hampden S.S.

To the Honorable John D. Colver, Collector of the  
First Parish or Congregational Society in Springfield  
Greetings;

In the name of the Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and  
summon all the members of said Parish in Springfield  
to meet in said town of Springfield, who are qual-  
ified to vote in town affairs, to assemble  
at the Parish Hall in said town on Monday  
the 26<sup>th</sup> of April, it being the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in said  
month, at 10 o'clock A.M., then and there to  
act on the following articles, viz;

- Art. 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Art. 2<sup>d</sup> To choose all necessary Parish Officers for the  
year ensuing.
- Art. 3<sup>d</sup> To hear the financial Report of the Prudential  
Committee.
- Art. 4<sup>th</sup> To see if the Society will raise and appropriate  
the sum of Ten Dollars, and direct when  
the same shall be paid.
- Art. 5<sup>th</sup> To see if the Society will raise and appropriate  
any money for the support of singing.
- Art. 6<sup>th</sup> To see if the Society will alter the constitution  
of the Society.
- Art. 7<sup>th</sup> To see what amount of money the Society will raise  
for contingent expenses.
- Art. 8<sup>th</sup> To see if the Society will take any measures to lay  
a floor in the attic of their Meeting House.
- Art. 9<sup>th</sup> To hear Reports of Agents or Committees heretofore  
chosen, and act thereon.
- Art. 10<sup>th</sup> To choose any Agents or Committees that may be  
necessary.

And you are required to serve this Warrant  
by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Parish  
Hall, seven days at least before the time of holding said  
meeting.

Whereof fail not, and make due return of this  
Warrant with your doings thereon, to us at the time  
and place of holding said meeting.



Given under our hands and seal, this ninth day  
of April, A.D. 1857.

Cheney Solander  
Narcus Hitchcock  
Conr. C. Hitchcock } Parish Committee.

Hamden SS.

I hereby certify that I have served the  
within Warrant by posting an attested copy to  
at the Parish Hall seven days before the time  
holding said meeting.

Cheney Solander,

Parish Collector.

## Parish Meeting April 20<sup>th</sup> 1857.

At a legal meeting of the members of the First  
Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield, held in  
pursuance of the foregoing Warrant.

Voted, Newton S. Hubbard Moderator.

Voted, C. A. Marsh Parish Clerk; and sworn

Voted, { Newton S. Hubbard } Parish Committee  
{ Eli Brewster }  
{ Wm. S. Jan }  
Voted, Prudential Committee Assessors.

Voted, C. A. Marsh Treasurer.

Voted, " " " Collector.

Voted, To pay the Collector \$7. for collecting.

Voted, To accept and adopt the report of Prudential Com.

Voted, To raise and appropriate the Salary of Rev. Jason  
Norris.

Voted, To pay the Salary semi-annually.

Voted, That the Prudential Committee be authorized  
to contract with C. N. Ward to take charge  
of singing for the year ensuing at the rate of  
one dollar per Sunday.

Voted, That the Prudential Committee be directed to  
draw an order in favor of C. N. Ward at the  
rate of \$1. per Sunday for the time he has  
been singing the singing a choir.

Voted, To assess \$800. in the same manner as  
last year.

Voted, That the slip's rent be paid in six months  
from date of notes.

Voted, To mark the slips as last year.

Voted, To pass over Article 7th

Voted, That when this meeting adjourn it adjourn  
to Wednesday of next week.

Voted, A Committee of three to see what can be  
done to prevent the snow coming into the  
littic of the Meeting House, and ascertain the  
price of a new one. Com. Dr. C. Finnis, John  
Hill and Samuel H. Hitchcock. Report next meeting.

Voted, To continue the Com. on the Library. Com.  
John Hill, William H. Hill and Colonel W. Hill.  
Report of Parish Committee.

Your Committee beg leave  
to report that the liabilities are reduced  
to the first of May 1857.

There is now in the hands of the Collector  
thirty six Dollars fifty three cents, and in  
the hands of Mr. Gray for old bell rope  
two Dollars fifty cents.

Making thirty nine Dollars and three  
cents in favor of the Society.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Cheney S. Lander  
Marcus Hitchcock } Parish  
Committee

Voted To adjourn to next week a Wednesday  
at 1 o'clock P. M., it being the 29th of the  
present month.

A true record,

Wm. H. Hill,

C. H. Hill,

Book Clerk



# Adjourned Parish Meeting April 27<sup>th</sup> 1857

The Members of the First Parish or Congregational Society of Springfield met according to adjournment. The Moderator called the meeting to order.

The Report of the Committee, appointed at the last meeting, to see what can be done to prevent the snow coming through the roof of the meeting house, was read and adopted.

They Report,

That the last time occurred, and being not fully satisfied about the propriety of laying a floor in the attic in the present condition of the roof, would recommend that the Society elect a new Committee, with power to make such alterations as they may think proper, by taking suitable counsel and have the work done before the coming winter.

Voted, Dr. Ebenezer Knight, Sam<sup>l</sup> H. Hitchcock, and John Wyles to be the Committee above recommended.

Voted, That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money to meet the expense of repairing the roof; provided it shall be ~~expended~~ deemed prudent by the Committee to repair it.

Voted, To adjourn up stairs. At the Slips After the sale of the seeds,

Voted, To dissolve the Meeting.

A true record,

Attest

C. H. Marsh,

Parish Clerk

Warrant for Parish Meeting April 19<sup>th</sup> 1855.

Hampden S.S.

To C. A. Marsh, Collector of the First  
Parish or Congregational Society in Brimfield,  
Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massa-  
chusetts, you are hereby required to notify and  
warn all the members of said Parish, who are  
qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to  
meet at the Town Hall in said Brimfield on  
Monday the nineteenth day of Apr. inst. (it being  
the third Monday of said month,) at two o'clock  
P.M. then, and there to act on the following  
articles, viz;

- 1<sup>st</sup>; To choose a Moderator to preside at said  
meeting.
- 2<sup>d</sup>; To choose all necessary officers for the  
year ensuing.
- 3<sup>d</sup>; To hear the report of the Prudential  
Committee.
- 4<sup>th</sup>; To see if the Parish will raise and ap-  
propriate money for the salary of the  
Rev. Jason Morse.
- 5<sup>th</sup>; To see if the Parish will raise money for con-  
tingent expenses.
- 6<sup>th</sup>; To see what amount of money shall be  
assessed on the slips of said Parish.
- 7<sup>th</sup>; To see if the Parish will appropriate  
money for the support of singing.
- 8<sup>th</sup>; To see if the Parish will take the sheds,  
west of the meeting house, not sold.
- 9<sup>th</sup>; To see if the Parish will allow the upper  
room to be used for any other purpose,  
than public worship.
- 10<sup>th</sup>; To see if the Parish will take any measure  
to put up a partition in their hall.
- 11<sup>th</sup>; To hear reports of Agents, and Committees.
- 12<sup>th</sup>; To appoint one Agent, or Committee, that  
may be necessary.

And you are required  
to serve this warrant, by posting an attested  
copy of the same at the Town Hall Town



days at least, before the time of holding  
said meeting.

Whereof fail not, and make  
return of this warrant, with your doings  
thereon, to the Clerk of said Parish, or  
before the time of holding said meeting.  
Given under our hands and seal this  
eighth day of Apr. 1858.

V. F. Hubbard } Prudential  
Wm. H. Jones } Committee.

### Collector's Certificate.

Hampden S.S.

I hereby certify that I have made  
service of the above warrant as above  
directed.

Brimfield April 9th 1858.

C. F. Marsh,

Parish Collector.

A true record, attest C. F. Marsh Parish Clerk

# Parish Meeting April 19<sup>th</sup> 1855.

At a local meeting of the members of the First Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield, - held pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the following business was transacted.

Voted; Cheney Solander Moderator.

Voted; Calvin T. Marsh Clerk, (and was sworn).

Voted; { H. L. Conroy } Prudential  
          { J. F. Warren, } Committee.  
          { J. T. Brown. }

Voted; The Prudential Committee Assessors.

Voted; C. T. Marsh Treasurer for the Parish.

Voted; C. T. Marsh Collector for the Parish.

The Parish accepted of M. S. Hubbard and E. B. Allen as Bondsmen for Treas. & Col.

Voted; To pay the Collector \$7. (the same as last year).

Voted; To adopt the financial report of the Prudential Committee.

The Receipts of the Parish for the year commencing May 1<sup>st</sup> 1854, Amount to \$1001.79

The Expenses for the same time, to \$113.48  
Leaving a balance against the Society of \$ 12.09

Voted; To raise and appropriate \$500. for the Salary of the Rev. pastor. H. W. H., to be paid semi-annually.

Voted; To pass over Article 5<sup>th</sup>.

Voted; To assess \$800. on the Slips.

Voted; To appraise the Slips as last year.

Voted; To instruct the Prudential Committee to make a contract with Calvin K. Ward, to take charge of the singing the ensuing year, on the same terms as last year.

Voted; To pass over Article 5<sup>th</sup>.

Voted; To leave the renting of the upper room with the Prudential Committee.

Voted; That when this meeting adjourn, it adjourn to Monday April 24<sup>th</sup> inst. at one o'clock P. M.

Voted; A Committee of three to consider what alterations may be made in the Hall, and report at next meeting;



Committee Cheney, Solander, M. S. Hubbard  
and James J. Warren.

Voted; The Prudential Committee a Committee  
to mark the Slips.

Voted; To adjourn.

A true Record,

Attest

C. A. Marsh,

Parish Clerk

Adjourned Parish Meeting Apr. 26<sup>th</sup> 1855.

The members of the First Parish or Congrega-  
tional in Brimfield met according to adjournment.

The Moderator called the meeting to order.

Voted; That the Slip Rent be paid, six months  
from date of Note, with interest thereafter.

The Committee, who were appointed to  
consider the subject in relation to putting  
up a partition in the Hall, Report that  
it is best to put up a partition to correspond  
to the finish of the room as it now is.

Voted; The acceptance of the report.

Voted; That the Prudential Committee be  
authorized to put up a partition as  
recommended by the Committee.

Voted; To adjourn to the upper room for the  
sale of the Slips.

Voted; To dissolve the meeting.

A true record,

Attest,

C. A. Marsh,

Parish Clerk.

# Warrant for Parish Meeting Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> 1858

Hampden 88

To Samuel M. Brown member of the First Parish or Congregational Society in Brimfield.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn, all the members of said Parish, who are qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Brimfield on Monday the sixth day of September at 2 o'clock, then and there to act on the following articles;

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> To choose a Clerk Treasurer & Collector in place of C. A. Marsh deceased.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> To see if the Parish will raise money to pay the expense of partitioning the Town Hall as voted at last meeting.
- 4<sup>th</sup> To attend to any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

And you are hereby requested to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereat sail out, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this Twenty eighth day of August 1858

James A. Wilson } President  
James D. Brown } Committee



Hampden Co. This certifies that I  
have served the within Warrant a  
within directed  
Simpson Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> 1858 J. H. Brown

## Parish Meeting Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> 1858

At a legal meeting of the  
members of the First Parish or con-  
gregational Society of Springfield held  
in pursuance of the foregoing warrant.  
the following business was transacted  
viz.

The meeting was called to order  
by J. H. Brown and

Cheney Slander	was chosen moderator
J. G. Hubbard	" " Clerk & sworn
J. H. Warren	" " Treasurer
C. S. Sander	" " Collector

Voted To accept of J. H. Warren & J. G. Hubbard  
as Bondsman for the collector.

Voted To pay the collector seven dollars for  
collecting the sick-pents for the year

Voted To pass over the 3<sup>d</sup> article

Voted That a committee of three be appoint-  
ed to confer with the selectmen and  
ascertain if the Hall is altered as proposed  
whether it will be of sufficient size  
for the use of the Town and take any other  
measures necessary to ascertain that fact.

Committee J. H. Brown C. S. Sander

James J. Blair

Voted To adjourn

Adjourned J. G. Hubbard Clerk

" J. H. Brown

Petition for Parish meeting

To the Prudential Committee of  
the First Parish or Congregational Society  
in Brimfield S. S. Gentlemen

The undersigned members of said  
Parish request you to call a meeting of  
the members of said Parish to act on the  
following propositions.

First To see if the Parish will partition off  
and furnish one or more rooms at the  
North part of the Parish Hall and if so

Second To see if they will raise the money to  
defray the expence by tax, or authorise  
the Treasurer to borrow the same.

Brimfield Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> 1858

Henry F. Brown  
Lauphin Brown  
Aaron Bliss  
James Walker  
Hired Homer

Warrant for Parish meeting

Hampden S.S.

To Newton G. Hubbard Clerk  
of the First Parish in Brimfield.

You are hereby re-  
quired, in the name of the Commonwealth  
of Massachusetts to notify and warn all the  
members of said Society in said Town of  
Brimfield, qualified by law to vote in  
Parish affairs, to assemble at the Town-Hall  
in said Brimfield on Saturday the fourth  
of December next at 2 o'clock P.M. then and  
there to act on the following articles, viz.



## Warrant Continued

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose, a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> To choose a Collector in the place of Cheney Solander (who has neglected to qualify) and fix the compensation for same.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> To see if the Parish will partition off and furnish one, or more rooms at the North end of the Parish Hall, and if so.
- 4<sup>th</sup> To see if they will raise the money to defray the expenses, by tax, or authorize the Treasurer to borrow the same.

And you are required to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, seven days at least before the time of holding the said meeting.

Hereby will met and return this Warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-fifth day of November 1858.

James J. Warren } Prudential  
J. L. Brown } Committee

A true copy attest

Newton S. Hubbard  
Clerk

This certifies that I have served the within Warrant as directed.

Newton S. Hubbard  
Clerk

## Parish Meeting Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> 1855

At a meeting of the members of the First Parish or Congregational Society held in pursuance of the foregoing Warrant, the following business was transacted viz

Voted H. J. Brown was chosen Moderator.  
To pay the Collector five Dollars.  
Eli Barrows was chosen collector and sworn.

Voted To erect a moveable partition at the North end of the Hall.

Voted That the Prudential Committee be authorised to carry out the above vote

Voted That the Treasurer be authorised to borrow money not to exceed one hundred and twenty five Dollars (\$125) for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred, by putting up partition and furnishing said room or rooms.

Voted To adjourn.

A true record.

Newton S. Hubbard, Clerk

" " " "



# Warrant for Parish Meeting Apr 1879

Hampden SS

To Newton L. Hubbard  
Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational  
Church

In the name of the Commonwealth  
of Massachusetts you are directed to notify  
and warn all the members of said Parish  
or Congregational Society qualified to vote  
in "town" affairs to meet at the Parish Hall  
in said Springfield on Monday Apr. 15<sup>th</sup> 1879  
it being the third Monday of said month  
at one o'clock P.M. to transact the  
following business viz.

- Art. 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to preside at  
said meeting.
- Art. 2<sup>nd</sup> To choose all necessary Parish officers.
- Art. 3<sup>rd</sup> To hear the report of the Prudential  
Committee and act thereon.
- Art. 4<sup>th</sup> To hear the report of the Treasurer  
and Collector and act thereon.
- Art. 5<sup>th</sup> To hear the reports of any agents or  
committees previously chosen and act  
thereon.
- Art. 6<sup>th</sup> To see what action the Parish will take  
with regard to repairing the Meetinghouse.
- Art. 7<sup>th</sup> To see what amount of money shall  
be assessed on the slips of said and in  
what way.
- Art. 8<sup>th</sup> To see if the Society will appropriate  
money for the salary of Rev. Aaron  
Morse.

## Warrant Continued

Art. 9<sup>th</sup> To see what amount of money shall be raised for contingent expenses.

Art. 10<sup>th</sup> To choose all Agents or Committees the Society may require and transact any business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same to the meeting house at least seven days before the time of holding said meeting. If you fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this ninth day of Apr. 1859

J. L. Converse  
J. L. Brown

Prudential  
Committee

Camden S.S.

This certifies that I have posted the within warrant as directed.

A true copy of warrant and return.

Newton L. Hubbard Clerk

" " "



# Parish Meeting April 18<sup>th</sup> 1839

At a meeting of the members of the First Parish of Congregational Society held in pursuance of the foregoing warrant the following business was transacted.

G. T. Brown was chosen moderator  
N. H. Hubbard " " Clerk & sworn

G. T. Brown  
E. Allen  
A. H. Brown

} Prudential  
Committee

A. H. Warren Treasurer  
Eli Barrows Collector

The report of the Prudential Committee was presented accepted and adopted. It was as follows.

Amount of receipts during the year \$1115.64  
" Expended " " " & debt " 838.39

Balance the Society owe \$ 122.70

Voted To pass over the 4<sup>th</sup> article.

Voted To pass over the 5<sup>th</sup> article.

Voted To choose a committee of five to confer with the Prudential Committee on repairs.  
Com. John Wyles Alured Harner  
Samuel Brown, Wm. Warren  
H. S. Brown

Voted To allow \$ 80.00 on the slip in the same way as last year.

Voted To appropriate \$ 80.00 for the salary of Rev. Asa Morse.

Voted To pass over the 9<sup>th</sup> article for the present.

Continued

Resolved that the Executive Committee be authorised to contract with C. M. Ward to take charge of the singing on the same terms as last year.

Resolved that the Executive Committee be requested to rent the pipes on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> inst. at one o'clock P.M.

Resolved that the Executive Committee take down the center piece in the meeting hall the present week.

Resolved that when this meeting adjourn, it adjourn to Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> inst. at one o'clock P.M.

Resolved that it adjourn.

A true record attest,

Wm. T. G. M. G. G. G.

" " " "



# Adjourned Irish Meeting Aug 7 1887

The members of the Parish met according to adjournment. but in the main.

Voted no motion to be made as to the said rents.

Voted That the Prudential Committee tender to the Collector the use of the 4th East room in the Court House, but the use of the room free of charge if it does not affect the insurance on said house.

Voted That the giving of bonds for the Collector and Insurers be left to the Prudential Committee.

Voted That the slip rents be made payable Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 87.

Voted That no further adjournment be adjourn to Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> 87 at 3 o'clock PM.

Voted No adjourn above for the sale of slips after which it was

Voted No adjourn.

A true record attest.

Newton S. Hubbard



# Parish Meeting June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1857

Resolved that the following be the order of business for the next meeting

1. To receive the report of the Treasurer  
2. To receive the report of the Committee on the  
3. To receive the report of the Committee on the

1. That the report of the Treasurer be received and the sum of \$100.00 be paid to him for his services as Treasurer for the year ending April 30<sup>th</sup> 1857.

## Treasurer's Report

On audit of the books of the Treasurer for the year ending April 30<sup>th</sup> 1857, the following items were found to be correct:

Balance on hand	125.00
Balance on deposit	13.00
Total	138.00

Bringingfield May 24<sup>th</sup> 1857 James H. Warren Treasurer

Voted to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Voted to pay C. M. Ward one & three quarters in addition to his pay last year for taking charge of the meeting.

Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money as necessary to meet the coming expenses of the Society during the year.

Voted that this meeting be dissolved.

A true record of what was done at the above meeting.

" " " "





Levin, T.



Harvard July 29th 1894

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th inst.

in relation to the matter of the proposed amendment to the constitution of the State.

I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th inst.

in relation to the same matter.

I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th inst.

in relation to the same matter.

I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th inst.

in relation to the same matter.

I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st inst.

in relation to the same matter.

I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st inst.

in relation to the same matter.

I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst.

in relation to the same matter.

I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd inst.

in relation to the same matter.

I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th inst.

in relation to the same matter.

I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th inst.

in relation to the same matter.

Yours very truly,  
James F. Davis, Secretary





Bylaws of the  
First Parish or Congregation Society Brimfield  
Mass.

In the name of the Commonwealth  
of Massachusetts you are directed to notice and  
warn all the members of said Parish or Congrega-  
tional Society qualified to vote in Parish affairs  
to meet at the Parish Hall in said Brimfield  
on Monday the sixteenth (16<sup>th</sup>) day of Sept at one  
o'clock P.M. then and there to transact the follow-  
ing business

Wm.

Art. 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to preside at said  
meeting.

" 2<sup>nd</sup> To choose all necessary Parish officers.

" 3<sup>rd</sup> To hear the report of the Prudential Com-  
tee.

" 4<sup>th</sup> To hear the report of the Treasurer and collector  
and act thereon.

" 5<sup>th</sup> To hear the reports of any agents or commis-  
sioners previously chosen and act thereon.

" 6<sup>th</sup> To see what action the Parish will take with  
regard to repairing the meetinghouse and rais-  
ing money for the same.

" 7<sup>th</sup> To see what amount of money shall be  
expended in the repairs of said house and  
in what way.

" 8<sup>th</sup> To see if the society will appropriate mon-  
ey for the salary of our pastor thereof and  
what amount.

" 9<sup>th</sup> To see what amount shall be raised  
thereon.

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Art. 10<sup>th</sup> To see if the Society will appropriate money for the purchase of a machine and how it shall be expended.

" 11<sup>th</sup> To see what compensation will be allowed to

" 12<sup>th</sup> To see what the Parish will do with the

" 13<sup>th</sup> To see if the Parish will furnish lamps to

" 14<sup>th</sup> To see if the Parish will allow the mechanics In-  
stitute to occupy their house.

" 15<sup>th</sup> To charge all Agents and Committees the  
Society may require and transact any other  
business that may legally come before the  
meeting.

And you are directed to serve the  
Warrant by posting an attested copy of the  
same at the Meeting House at least seven  
days before the time of holding said meeting.

Direct said not and make due re-  
turn of this Warrant with your doings there-  
in time and place of holding said  
meeting.

Witness under our hands this fifth day  
of May 1840

James H. Manning } Committee  
James H. Brown }

Comptroller of the Society  
We the undersigned have seen and

read the within and

at the same time we have read at large  
the within and have



# Church Meeting Apr. 24

At a meeting of the members of the Free  
 Parish or Evangelical Society held in the  
 evening the following business was transacted.

1. To receive the report of the Treasurer.

2. To receive the report of the Secretary.

3. To receive the report of the Stewards.

4. To receive the report of the Trustees.

5. To receive the report of the Committee on  
 the proposed new building.

6. To receive the report of the Committee on  
 the proposed new building.

## Report.

Dec. 19th	By cash collected of subscribers	\$ 200.00
Feb. 15th 1860	" " " "	23.00
Apr. 10th	" " " "	25.00 248.00
Dec. 27th	To cash for books	20.00
Feb. 15th 1860	" " Collectors' Book	2.50
" " " "	" " Collecting Subscriptions	2.22
" " " "	" " Book Case	25.00 227.72
	and balance	2.28

Bornfield Apr. 16th 1860  
 James J. Brown Treasurer

Total ...  
 ...  
 ...

1. ...	... balance of salary	346.00
"	... Mr. Ward salary for singing	75.00
"	Elijah Allen " " Scribbles	45.00
"	Thomas Hubbard for years of work of board	20.00
"	46. ... for ...	7.00
"	W. L. Lawrence Treas. Hitchcock Grammar School	125.00
"	... State	150.00
"	... above ...	17.50
		\$ 785.50
	... is in debt	363.62

...  
 ...  
 ...

Total ...

Total ...

...  
 ...  
 ...

Total ...

...

Total ...

...  
 ...



Meeting of the Committee

1st. That the Committee be authorized to receive and consider all communications from the friends of the cause.

2nd. That the Committee be authorized to receive and consider all communications from the friends of the cause.

3rd. That the Committee be authorized to receive and consider all communications from the friends of the cause.

4th. That the Committee be authorized to receive and consider all communications from the friends of the cause.

5th. That the Committee be authorized to receive and consider all communications from the friends of the cause.

6th. That the Prudential Committee be authorized to receive and consider all communications from the friends of the cause.

7th. That the Committee be authorized to receive and consider all communications from the friends of the cause.

8th. That the Committee be authorized to receive and consider all communications from the friends of the cause.

9th. That the Committee be authorized to receive and consider all communications from the friends of the cause.

10th. That the Committee be authorized to receive and consider all communications from the friends of the cause.

11th. That the Committee be authorized to receive and consider all communications from the friends of the cause.

12th. That the Committee be authorized to receive and consider all communications from the friends of the cause.

Adjusted and sent to the collector

The committee on the subject of the  
collection of the same amount of money  
as was collected in the year 1867

total of \$1000 to be raised

voted To pay the collector one per cent on all  
money collected in the year 1867

voted To pay the collector \$50, in addition  
to the amount collected in the year 1867

voted To pay the collector the amount of the  
committee on the subject of the collection  
of the same amount of money as was collected  
in the year 1867

The committee on the subject of the collection  
of the same amount of money as was collected  
in the year 1867, report that they have  
collected the same amount of money as was  
collected in the year 1867

total of \$1000 to be raised

at the rate of

1000

" " "



Adjourned this evening May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1864

The members of the first branch of the  
Society met according to appointment the  
Moderator in the chair.

Voted To accept the report of the committee  
raising money to pay the rent of the  
and their donation for the same.

Voted Thanks be returned to the above committee

Voted To accept the deed of land of J. S. H. H. H.  
and R. S. Blair for the same.

Voted To appoint a committee of three men that  
they be authorized to report on the same  
to examine the same and report a plan  
with estimate of expense of it, surveying  
the same to be made if expedient.

Voted That the above committee be  
Hiram Hays }  
H. S. Brown } Com.  
P. S. H. H. H. }

Voted That Calvin M. Hurd be allowed to  
use the Melodeon at his house until  
such time as the Society require it to be  
returned, by in the meantime to return  
it in good repair.

Voted To dissolve the meeting

at this point

That the first part

Warrant, or church meeting where

in the month of October 1841

the following is the substance of the  
report made by the committee on the  
subject of the church meeting held at  
the residence of the Rev. Mr. [illegible]  
on the 10th of October 1841

That the committee on the subject of the church meeting

have the honor to report to the church meeting

that the committee have the honor to report to the church meeting

that the committee have the honor to report to the church meeting

that you are directed to have the church meeting

held on the 10th of October 1841

at the residence of the Rev. Mr. [illegible]

Respectfully

Wm. [illegible]

" " "



Nov 18 1882

Dear Sir,  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the matter of the ...  
I am sorry to hear that you are not satisfied with the result of the ...  
I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
J. H. ...

I am sorry to hear that you are not satisfied with the result of the ...  
I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
J. H. ...

J. H. ...  
J. H. ...  
J. H. ...  
J. H. ...  
J. H. ...

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
J. H. ...

Yours very truly,  
J. H. ...

# Warrant for Parish Meetings.

To Denton G. Hubbard Clerk of the First  
Baptist or Congregational Society of Boston.

In the name of the Commonwealth  
of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to  
publish and warn all the members of said Parish  
qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the  
Meeting Hall in said Braintree, on Sunday, April  
10th 1860, being the third Sunday of said month,  
at one o'clock P.M. then, and there, to <sup>have</sup> act in  
the following manner.

- Art. 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside at said  
meeting.
- Art. 2<sup>d</sup> To choose all necessary Parish officers.
- Art. 3<sup>d</sup> To hear the Reports of the Treasurer and  
Collector and act thereon.
- Art. 4<sup>th</sup> To hear the Reports of the Committee on  
repairs and act thereon.
- Art. 5<sup>th</sup> To see what amount of money shall be  
assessed on the slips, and in what manner.
- Art. 6<sup>th</sup> To see if the Society will appropriate  
money for the salary of Rev. Jason Morse.
- Art. 7<sup>th</sup> To see what amount of money shall be  
raised for contingent expenses.
- Art. 8<sup>th</sup> To choose all agents and Committees  
the Society may require, and transact  
any other business that may legally  
come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve  
this warrant by posting an attested copy  
of the same at the Meeting-house at Braintree.



seven days before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this fifth day of April eighteen hundred and sixty one.

James J. Warren } President  
James H. Brown } Committee

Campden SS.

This certifies that I have served the within warrant as directed.

Newton S. Hubbard Parish Clerk



At a meeting of the First Parish or Congregational Society held in pursuance of the foregoing warrant the following business was transacted, viz.

H. H. Brown was chosen Moderator.

N. S. Hubbard was chosen Clerk & Sworn

J. J. Warren }  
A. L. Louvise } President  
Samuel H. Brown } Committee

J. J. Warren Treasurer

Alfred Homer }  
Sworn P. W. Paige } Assessors.  
C. H. Brown }

## Treasurers Report.

J. J. Warren Treasurer in acct. with the  
First Congregational Society Brimfield Mass.

Recd. of J. J. Blair Subscription Collected	507.61
" " Elijah Allen Collector	763.41
" " J. J. Blair & N. J. Hubbard balance on horse sheds	10.00
" " Town of Brimfield for use of Town Hall	50.00
" " Sundry purposes for use of Town Hall	8.00
	<u>\$ 1339.02</u>

### Contra.

Paid Lewis Robbins Note 150. Int 13.88	163.88
" " J. Morse on acct.	410.00
" " C. S. Brownes bill	2.40
" " A. L. Converse Treas. Note & Int 125.58	140.58
" " Wm. Fiske (1 days work)	3.00
" " J. Morse on acct	50.00
" " J. J. Blair on collecting subscription	5.00
" " C. M. Ward on acct.	13.89
" " J. J. Warren money advanced last year	67.55
" " J. H. & G. A. Browns bill	17.46
	<u>\$ 864.01</u>
	<u>\$ 475.01</u>

## Assets & Liabilities of P. Con. Society

Cash in hand, of Treasurer	\$ 475.01
Notes " " " Collectors (about)	160.00
	<u>635.01</u>

### Contra

To collecting slip rents	9.00
" Alfred Hubbard for wood the past year	20.00
" E. Allen for taking care of House	45.00
" Balance of J. Morse Salary	360.00
" C. M. Ward balance for singing	48.11
	<u>482.11</u>
	<u>152.90</u>



J. J. Warren Treasurer in accor. with Pastoral Library

To balance on hand 20.11  
" Amount of subscription collected 1862 218.  
\$ 238.13

Ct.  
Paid for book of 10.00  
\$ 158.13

Voted To accept the above Report

Voted To make the following repairs on the  
Meeting-House Biri.

Brace the house and staple.  
Plaster the audience room and upper ves-  
tibule in its present form, except making  
a recess back of the pulpit. Shingle the  
roof and paint the interior and interior  
of the house provided the money can be  
raised by voluntary subscription to de-  
fray the expense.

Voted That the Parish concur with the Church  
in a proposition to change the Hymn books  
used by said Church and Society.

Voted To assess on the Slips \$ 95.00 the same  
as last year.

Voted To appropriate \$ 800.00 for the salary of Rev.  
J. Morse.

Voted To pass over the 7th article.

Voted To choose a com. of three to solicit sub-  
scriptions for repairs. Com.  
Dea. Solomon Hamer J. L. Blair Dea. Stephen Brown

Voted That the effort be made to raise \$ 1200.00.

Voted To adjourn. Two weeks at two o'clock P.M.  
A true record attested. V. E. Hall Clerk, Parish Clerk.

Adjourned Paris April 29<sup>th</sup> 1861

The members of the Parish met according to adjournment. The Moderator in the Chair.

The Committee chosen at a previous meeting to solicit subscriptions for repairing the Meetinghouse, Reported that they had not attended to that duty, but recommended the following which the Prudential Committee were authorized to carry out.

Resolved That the Prudential Committee be authorized to brace the Meetinghouse and staple, lay the floor in the attic and patch the plastering in the audience room as they shall deem proper.

Elijah Allen was chosen collector

Resolved To pay the collector one percent on all monies collected

Resolved That the Prudential Committee be authorized to contract with some one to take charge of the singing as they shall deem proper

Resolved To adjourn to the room above for the sale of slips

After the sale of slips it was  
Resolved That the meeting be dissolved.

A true record

Newton L. Hubbard Parish Clerk

" " " "



# Warrant for Parish Meeting February 11<sup>th</sup> 1862.

Hampden S.S.

To the Selectmen of the Town of  
Hampden S.S. the first Parish or Congregational  
Society in Springfield.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Mass. you are directed to notify and warn all the members of said Parish qualified to vote in Parish affairs, to meet at the Parish Hall in said Springfield on Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> day of Feb. at two o'clock P.M. to transact the following business viz.

- Art. 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Art. 2<sup>d</sup> To hear the reports of any agents or committees.
- Art. 3<sup>rd</sup> To see what measures the Parish will take to raise money to pay the debts of the Parish.
- Art. 4<sup>th</sup> To consider what action the Parish will take in relation to supplying the desk.
- Art. 5<sup>th</sup> To see what action the Parish will take in regard to the Pastoral Library.
- Art. 6<sup>th</sup> To attend to any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by putting in attested copy of the same, at the meeting House, at least seven days before the time of holding said meeting.

over

# Warrant Continued

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands  
this thirtieth day of January 1862

James H. Warren  
A. G. Louvise  
(Samuel Brown) Prudential Committee

Hampden S.S.

This certifies that I have obeyed the  
within instructions.

Newton S. Hubbard Parish Clerk

## Parish Meeting February 11<sup>th</sup> 1862

At a meeting of the First Parish or Congrega-  
tional Society of Brimfield held in pursuance  
of the foregoing warrant the following business  
was transacted Wm.

Henry F. Brown was chosen Moderator.

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to bor-  
row money not to exceed four hundred &  
eighty <sup>dollars</sup> (\$480.) to pay debts of the Society.

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to discount  
to all who will pay their Library subscription  
in advance the interest on the balance to  
the time it would become due and all money  
not needed to continue works subscribed for, <sup>under the direction of the Prudential Com.</sup> be invested by the Treasurer.

Voted To pass over the 4<sup>th</sup> Article

Voted That this meeting be dissolved

A true record Newton S. Hubbard

Parish Clerk



# Warrant for Parish Meeting Apr. 21<sup>st</sup> 1862

To Newton G. Hubbard Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society, Brimfield --- Greeting,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn all the members of said Parish, or Congregational Society, entitled to vote in their affairs, to meet at the Parish Hall in said Brimfield, on Monday Apr. 21<sup>st</sup> inst. it being the third Monday of said month, at one o'clock P.M. then and there to transact the following business, to-wit:

Art. 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2<sup>nd</sup> To choose all necessary Parish officers.

Art. 3<sup>rd</sup> To hear the report of the Prudential Committee, and act thereon.

Art. 4<sup>th</sup> To hear the report of the Treasurer, and Collector, and act thereon.

Art. 5<sup>th</sup> To hear the reports of any other Agents, or Committees, and act thereon.

Art. 6<sup>th</sup> To see what amount of money shall be assessed on the slips of said House, and in what manner.

Art. 7<sup>th</sup> To see what action the Parish will take in regard to hiring, or settling, a minister, and appropriating money for the same.

Art. 8<sup>th</sup> To see what amount of money shall be raised for contingent expenses.

Art. 9<sup>th</sup> To choose all Agents or Committees the Society may require.

# Warrant Continued

Art. 10<sup>th</sup> To make such arrangements as may be necessary to support the singing for the coming year.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant, by posting up an attested copy of the same at the meetinghouse, at least seven days before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereby fall not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands, this Eighth day of April 1862.

James J. Warren } Prudential  
A. L. Lawrence } Committee  
(Samuel Brown )

Hampden S.S.

His certifies that I have obeyed the within instructions.

A true copy of warrant and return.

Newton S. Hubbard Parish Clerk

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# Parish Meeting April 21<sup>st</sup> 1862

At a meeting of the First Parish Congregational Society held in pursuance of the warrant the following business was transacted

The meeting was called to order by the Clerk and Henry F. Brown was chosen moderator  
Voted to pass over balloting a Clerk.

Josephin Brown      President  
Cheney Tolander  
Samuel M. Brown      Committee.

James J. Warren      Treasurer.

Alfred Homer  
Paul M. Paige      Agents.  
Cyril V. Brown

Cheney Tolander      Collector

Voted to accept the report of the Treasurer.

## Treasurer's Report

Statement of J. J. Warren Treasurer of the  
First Congregational Society Apr. 21<sup>st</sup> 1862

Cash on hand		191.75
Also aid accounts in hands of collector		12.51
		\$ 312.82
Due to George Bacon on salary	50.	
" Estate of Rev. J. Morse	325.00	
" to Parsons Allen Hotel & Co.	201.30	
" L. M. Brown (clerk)	8.00	
		584.30
		\$ 271.45

# Report Continued

## Expense in repairing Church

H. C. Stearns for boards	74.85
do. do. do.	1.75
Mr. Bishop for laying floor &c.	47.75
Mason & other work to A. Blawie	19.63
Alfred, Lumbard for timber	15.68
Wm. Morgan for bill for paint & painting	195.91
	<u>355.27</u>

## Pastoral Library Association

Cash on hand last year 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug.	138.53
Interest on same one year	8.31
Recd. Feb. 26 <sup>th</sup> 1862 Cash	27.00
" Mar. 28 <sup>th</sup> "	49.00
" Apr. 3 <sup>rd</sup> "	6.00
	<u>220.84</u>
Dec. 26 <sup>th</sup> Paid bill books 7.00	
Jan. 5 <sup>th</sup> " Crosby & Nichols bill books 83.66	
	<u>90.66</u>
	<u>\$ 138.18</u>

Resolved " continue to Mrs. Morse the salary of \$100  
to rec. from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 1862

Resolved " upon the paper & 90.50

Resolved " that it be assessed the same as last year

Resolved That the Prudential Committee be authorised  
to contract with C. A. Ward to take charge of  
the engine for the year to come provided  
it can be done for the sum of \$50.

Resolved That a committee of three be chosen to  
supply the desk and they are authorised  
to confer with any Committee chosen by  
the church for that purpose

Resolved That the Committee be requested to secure the  
services of Mr. Hyde beyond the month of Apr.  
to such time as they shall deem expedient



Committee.

John H. Miller  
Jesse H. Paige  
James C. Warren

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$400.00 during the expenses of the Society.

Voted That when this meeting adjourns it be on Tuesday Apr. 29<sup>th</sup> at one o'clock P.M.

Voted To pay the collector one percent commission.

Voted To adjourn.

Attest record

Newton S. Hubbard Clerk

" " "

Adjourned Meeting April 29<sup>th</sup> 1862

(Met according to adjournment. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator.

Voted To proceed to the sale of slips after which it was a

Voted That the meeting be dissolved.

Attest record.

Newton S. Hubbard Clerk.

" " "

# Warrant for Parish Meeting June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1862.

Hampden S.S.  
to the Collector of the First Parish  
or Congregational Society for Religious worship in  
Brimfield. Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of  
the Commonwealth to warn all the members of  
said Parish qualified to vote in Town affairs to  
assemble at their Hall in said Brimfield on  
Monday the second day of June next at two o'clock  
P.M. there and there to act on the following  
articles, viz

Art. 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to preside at  
said meeting.

Art. 2<sup>nd</sup> To see if the Society will unite with the  
Church in extending an invitation to the  
Rev. Charles M. Hyde of Brooklyn N.Y. to settle  
over them in the Gospel Ministry.

Art. 3<sup>rd</sup> To transact all other business necessary  
to carry the same into effect.

And you are required to serve  
this warrant by posting up an attested copy  
of the same at the Parish Hall in said Brim-  
field seven days at least before the time of  
holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due  
return of this warrant with your doings thereon  
to us on or before the time of holding said meet-  
ing.

Given under our hands and seal this twenty sec-  
ond day of May A.D. 1862.

C. G. Lander }  
Samuel Brown } Prudential  
S. W. Brown } Committee



Hampden S.S.

I hereby certify that I have  
searched the within Warrant by posting an attes-  
ted copy of the same as within directed.

C. J. Tolander Parish Collector

A true copy attest

Sealed at the Ward Parish Ch.

" ) " " J

Parish Meeting June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1862

In pursuance of the foregoing  
Warrant the members of the First Parish or  
Congregational Society met at the Parish Hall.

The meeting was called to order  
by the Clerk and Henry T. Brown was chosen  
moderator.

Voted That the Parish unite with the Church  
in extending an invitation to Rev. Charles  
M. Hyde of Brooklyn N.Y. to settle over  
them in the Gospel ministry. The vote was  
unanimous.

Voted To pay Mr. Hyde (if he shall settle with us)  
a salary of seven hundred dollars (\$700) per  
annum, one half payable on the first  
of Nov. the other half the first of May so  
long as he shall remain their Pastor.

Voted That the condition of settlement be that  
if either party becomes dissatisfied, the Church  
and Society on the one side and Rev. Charles  
M. Hyde on the other by giving six months notice  
the connection shall be dissolved by Eccle-  
siastical Council.

Proceedings Continued.

Voted To choose a Committee of four to act with the Church Committee in extending the said invitation to Rev. C. M. Hyde also to assist in carrying the same into effect.

Committee

W. L. Converse  
George C. Homer

James S. Blair  
Samuel W. Brown

From the Church Records.

The following notice which was voted to be given at the last meeting was read by the Moderator. Wm.

A meeting of the Church will be held May 22<sup>d</sup> at three o'clock P.M. to see if the Church will vote to invite Rev. Charles M. Hyde to settle over this Church and people in the Gospel ministry. Also to choose any committees that may be deemed expedient and transact any other business that may necessarily come before the meeting.

Signed S. R. Brown Moderator.

Voted unanimously to invite Rev. Mr. Hyde to settle over this Church according to the above notice.

Voted That a committee of three be chosen to act with the same in carrying the same into effect.

Voted That (Dea. Paul W. Paige }  
" Solomon Homer } The Com.  
Newton S. Hubbard }

Voted To choose a committee of three to confer with any committee the Society may choose to consider the expediency of procuring a monument to be placed over the



grave of our late beloved Pastor, Rev.  
Jesse Morse and for taking all necessary  
steps to carry the same into effect. Said  
monument to be obtained by funds con-  
tributed by the Inhabitants at large through-  
out the Town,

Voted That Elijah Allen  
Solomon Hemen & Be that Com.  
James S. Blair &

E. J. Allen Clark, )

Society Proceedings Continued.

Voted That a Committee of three be chosen to act with a Committee chosen by the Church in procuring a monument for the late Rev. Asen Morse

Committee James S. Brown  
H. S. Lincoln  
David W. Lane,

voted that when this meeting adjourns it  
be to meet three weeks from the day at three  
o'clock P.M.

Met. in adjourn

A true record attest

Newton S. Ingham & Parish cl

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Adjourned Parish Meeting June 16<sup>th</sup> 1862

Met according to adjournment  
the Moderator in the Chair

The following communication  
had previously been presented to Mr. C. M. Hyde

Brimfield June 11<sup>th</sup> 1862  
To Mr. Charles M. Hyde of Brooklyn N. Y.

(Dear Sir

The undersigned having been  
chosen a Committee of the Church, and of  
the First Congregational Society of Brimfield,  
to communicate to you the action of said  
Church and Society in regard to extending  
an invitation to you to settle over them in  
the Gospel Ministry, communicate the following  
viz.

At a meeting of the Church held  
for that purpose May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1862,

voted unanimously to extend to you a call, and  
at a meeting of said Society, called for  
that purpose, and held June 6<sup>th</sup> 1862, it was  
voted, unanimously, to unite with the Church  
in the invitation, upon the following con-  
ditions, viz.

Salary, seven hundred dollars  
per annum; and paid semi-annually, one  
half, the first of Nov. the other half the first  
of May. Also,

When either party becomes  
dissatisfied with the connection, by giving  
six months notice, the same shall be dissol-  
ved by Ecclesiastical Council.

A meeting of the Society  
stands adjourned to meet on Monday, June  
16<sup>th</sup> 1862. Previous to that, we should be pleas-  
ed to receive any communication you may  
think proper to make.

The committee of the



## Proceedings Continued.

Church, together with the Committee of the Society, are authorised to make such arrangements as the occasion may require.

Signed by

Paul W. Paige } Committee  
Solomon Hamer } of the  
Newton G. Hubbard } Church

A. L. Converse } Committee  
G. C. Homer } of the  
G. W. Brown } Society  
J. S. Blair }

(Mr. Hyde's reply.)

Brimfield June 16<sup>th</sup> 1862

Dear Brethren and Friends,

Allow me through you to return my grateful acknowledgments to the Church and Society of Brimfield for their action, communicated through you, in unanimously inviting me to become their pastor. But from careful consideration of the circumstances of both parties, after consultation with Christian friends, with prayerful regard for God's will in this matter, I have come to the conclusion that it is my duty to decline the invitation, the salary which you offer being altogether inadequate to my wants.

Yours in Christian affection  
Chas. M. Hyde

To Messrs Paige, Hamer, and Hubbard  
Committee of the Church

And Messrs Converse, Homer, Brown, and Blair  
Committee of the Society

## Proceedings Continued.

voted That there be an addition of two to the  
Committee to supply the Pulpit.  
Reverend C. Hubbard and James S. Blair were  
appointed for this purpose.  
voted That this meeting be dissolved.

A true record

Arthur G. Hubbard

Wm. J. J.

## Petition for Parish Meeting

To: Cheney Colander, Sampin Brown and  
Samuel W. Brown, Prudential Committee of the  
Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield.

The undersigned would respectfully  
ask you to call a meeting of the members of  
said Parish to act on the following.

First To see if the Parish will take any further  
action in relation to extending an invita-  
tion to Rev. Charles M. Hyde to settle over them  
in the Gospel Ministry, and if so pass all votes  
necessary to carry the same into effect.

Second To hear and act on reports of Com-  
mittees heretofore chosen, and choose all  
committees and agents the business of the  
Parish may require.

Brimfield July 1<sup>st</sup> 1842.

Wm. J. J.  
S. Y. Brown  
H. A. Hitchcock  
A. L. Converse  
James S. Warren



# Warrant for Parish Meeting July 9<sup>th</sup> 1862

Hamden S.S.

To the Collector of the said Parish or Congregational Society in Brimfield

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth to notify and warn all the members of said Parish qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at their Parish Hall, in said Brimfield, on Wednesday the ninth inst. at four o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles, viz.

Art. 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2<sup>d</sup> To see if the Parish will take any further action in relation to extending an invitation to the Rev. Charles M. Hyde to settle over them in the Gospel Ministry and if so to pass all votes necessary to carry the same into effect.

Art. 3<sup>d</sup> To hear and act on reports of Committees heretofore chosen, and choose all Committees, and agents the business of the Parish may require.

As this Warrant And you are required to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at the Parish Hall in Brimfield seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Given of said met and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to us on or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this first day of July A.D. 1862

Cheney Colander } Parish  
Samuel W. Brown } Committee

Hampden S.S.

I hereby certify that I have served  
this Warrant as within directed

C. Gotlander

Winnfield

A true copy attest

Newton S. Hubbard Parish Clerk

" " "

Parish Meeting July 7<sup>th</sup> 1862

In pursuance of the foregoing  
Warrant the members of the Parish met at  
their Parish Hall.

The meeting was called to order  
by the clerk and Henry G. Brown chosen Mod-  
erator.

Voted That the vote on salary passed June 2<sup>d</sup> 1862  
be so far modified as to be eight hundred  
dollars, (\$800) instead of seven hundred, (\$700)

Voted That the salary be paid quarterly instead  
of semiannually as voted June 2<sup>d</sup> 1862

Voted That Mr. Hyde be allowed two sabbaths  
each year if he desired it

Voted That the Committee previously chosen  
be the committee to confer further with  
Mr. Hyde

The following communica-  
tion was read to the meeting

Winnfield July 12 1862

To the Committee of the Church, and of the  
Society.

Dear Brethren and Friends,

The invitation of the Church  
and Society of Brimfield to become their  
Minister, as communicated through you, I do hereby



accept, upon the terms of "settlement" proposed,  
with the understanding that my services in  
this connection shall be considered as having  
commenced with the commencement of the  
Society's year.

May the Lord make us mutual blessings,  
each to the other, and this relationship ever pleasant  
and profitable to both. May our master's  
cause and kingdom be honored and promoted  
by our increasing faith and love.

Your servant for Jesus sake,

Charles M. Child.

Voted That this meeting be dissolved.

A true record Attest

Newton S. Hubbard Secy. &c.

" " " "

Warrant for Parish Meeting. Apr 20th. 1863

Hampton N.H.

To Cheney Schenck  
Collector, of the first Parish and Congregational  
Society in Brimfield. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are directed to notify and warn all the members  
of said Parish or Congregational Society, qualified  
to vote in town affairs to meet in the Parish Hall in  
said Brimfield, on Monday the 20th inst. it being the  
third Monday of said month at one o'clock P.M.  
then and there to act on the following articles.

Viz

Art 1<sup>st</sup> To choose Moderator to preside at said  
Meeting.

" 2<sup>nd</sup> To choose all necessary Parish officers for  
the year ensuing.

" 3<sup>rd</sup> To hear the report of the Treasurer in  
regard to the financial condition of said  
Society.

" 4<sup>th</sup> To hear the report of the Collector in relation  
to Pastoral Library and act there on.

5<sup>th</sup> To hear reports of any Agents or Committees  
here before chosen, and act there on.

" 6<sup>th</sup> To see what amount of Money shall be  
assessed on the Hips of their Meeting House.

" 7<sup>th</sup> To see what action the Society will take in  
relation to the Debt of said Society.

" 8<sup>th</sup> To see if the Society will take any action in  
relation to repairing their Meeting House.

" 9<sup>th</sup> To choose all Agents, or Committees that may  
be necessary.

" 10<sup>th</sup> To see if the Society will take any action in  
relation to singing for the year ensuing.

And you are required to serve this Warrant by posting  
an attested Copy thereof at the Meeting House, seven days  
at least before the time of holding said meeting.

And of said notice make due returns of this warrant  
and your doings, thereon to us on or before the time  
of holding said meeting. Given under our hand at this  
6th day of Apr. 1863



# Warrent Continued

Cheney Solander  
Dauphin Brown  
T. W. Brown

{ Prudential  
Committee

Hampton S.S.

I hereby certify that I have served  
the within Warrent by posting an attested copy thereof  
at the Parish Hall seven days before the time of holding  
said Meeting as within directed,

Cheney Solander,  
Parish Clerk.

A true Copy of the above Warrent  
(in pursuance of the foregoing W. M. Goodale,  
viz (warrent for the following business) Clerk  
and  
T. W. Brown

T. W. Brown Moderator.

T. W. Goodale Clerk and Treasurer.

Cheney Solander,

T. W. Brown,

Dauphin Brown,

{ Prudential

{ Committee

H. T. Hubbard,

C. W. Ganes,

J. H. Brown,

{ Assessors,

L. L. Warren,

By H. T. Brown Justice of the Peace Jan. 13th, 1864

By H. T. Brown Justice of the Peace Jan. 13th, 1864

Cheney Solander

{ Collector, sworn

Cheney Solander for collecting money  
for the Pastor's Library 10.00

To raise the coming year on Slips in the  
Meeting House 89.00

# Continued

Voted That a Committee of Three appointed by the Chair, to seek counsel in reference to repairing the Meeting House

H. L. Converse  
M. J. [unclear]  
G. S. Blair

Committee  
of the  
Society

" To report at the adjourned meeting

" That the Parish Committee be authorised to contract with C. M. Ward, to take charge of the singing the coming year.

## Treasurer's Report.

Statement of J. F. Warren Treasurer of the first Parish and Society, Apr-20<sup>th</sup>, 1863.

### Assets

Cash on hands of Treasurer	388.25
<u>Liabilities</u>	
Note due Parson Allen	200.
Interest	1.
" " C. French	100.
Interest	6.10
" " J. L. Woods	200.
Interest	12.
Due C. M. Ward for singing	50.
" Elijah Allen	45.
" C. M. Hyde to May	200.
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	8814.43
deducting Cash on hand	388.25
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	\$ 426.18

Debt of Parish above assets

Voted. To except the report of the Treasurer





Adjourned Parish Meeting, April 27<sup>th</sup> 1863

The members of the Parish met pursuant to adjournment and were called to order by S. W. Brown Moderator, the Clerk N. M. Goodall being absent Henry F. Brown was chosen Clerk & Peter G. Baker & Levern by the Moderator

A. L. Connor of the Committee chosen at the former meeting made a verbal report of the results of the examination as made by the Committee, and recommended that the Meeting House be repaired as set forth in the plans and specifications as prepared by C. Shephard two years since

Voted That the audience room, gallery & upper vestibule be altered, braced, repaired & plastered in accordance with the plans and specifications as prepared by C. Shephard, and that the Committee hereafter to be chosen to contract for and superintend the work, be authorized to make such alterations in the plans and specifications, as they may find to be expedient

Voted That the Committee on repairs be authorized to have the interior of the house, both wood work & plastering, painted in such manner as they may deem expedient

Voted That a Committee of three be chosen to contract for & superintend the work provided for in the foregoing votes,  
Alfred L. Connor, James S. Blair & Henry Solender were chosen as this Committee

Voted To raise the sum of One Thousand Dollars to defray the expense of the repairs, painting &c and that the same be raised upon the polls & estates of the members of the Parish

Some of the members present being of the opinion that an effort should be made



to raise the funds necessary to defray the expense of the aforesaid repairs by subscription, and thereby avoiding the expense of assessing & collecting a tax, it was

Resolved That a Committee of three be chosen to endeavor to secure by subscription the funds necessary to defray the expense of the aforesaid repairs, and that they be requested to attend to the same within fifteen days from this date so as to report at that time  
S. Committee James S. Blair, Alfred L. Connor & David N. James

Resolved That this meeting be adjourned to meet on Thursday May 14<sup>th</sup> 1863 at three o'clock P.M.

Recorded by Henry F. Brown  
Clerk Boston

Adjourned Parish Meeting May 14<sup>th</sup> 1863  
The members of the Parish met pursuant to adjournment and were called to order by S. W. Brown Moderator.

James S. Blair of the Committee to solicit subscriptions to defray the expense of repairs, reported that they had received the sum of One Thousand Dollars for the repair of the house & when on motion of J. W. H. Esq. it was

Resolved To reconsider the vote passed at the meeting of April 27<sup>th</sup> raising the sum of one thousand Dollars to defray the expense of repairs and that the same be assessed upon the Polls & estate &c.

Resolved That the Committee to superintend the repairs on the Meeting House be authorized to change the arrangement of the Stalls in the same and issue them circular or otherwise, as after a full examination they are satisfied will be for the best interest of the Parish, Provided that the whole expense for repairs does not exceed the amount that has, or may hereafter be subscribed for that purpose

Continued

Voted To pay the Collector one per centum for  
collecting the Poor rates for the current year

Voted That this meeting be dissolved

Recorded by  
James H. Brown  
Parish Clerk Boston



Resolved for the said meeting that you shall

Hampden Co. S.

Resolved for the said meeting that you shall

Resolved for the said meeting that you shall

Resolved for the said meeting that you shall

- 1st To choose a moderator
- 2nd To hear and act on the report of the committee chosen to alter and amend the constitution
- 3rd To see what measures are necessary for the purpose of carrying out the objects of the Society
- 4th To see if the Society is ready to be incorporated with the laws of the State of Massachusetts
- 5th To hear and act on the report of the committee chosen and choose all the officers and members of the Society and the officers of the Church and the officers of the Sunday School

And you are required to cause a copy of the proceedings of the meeting to be attested and filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court of the County of Hampden at the time of holding the next term of the Court

And you are required to make a report of the proceedings of the meeting to the next meeting of the Society

Given under our hands and seals this 1st day of May, A.D. 1863.

Witness our hands and seals this 1st day of May, A.D. 1863.

to order by the Clerk, and H. W. Brown chosen Moderator

Resolved To receive the report of the Committee by N. L. Converse on repairs and cost on the Meeting

Resolved To accept that report

Resolved That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money to pay the same repairs that have or may occur to complete the present alterations on said Meeting

Resolved That a Committee of three be appointed by the choir to see what should be the expense in furnishing the ships to the Meeting House, and a report at the adjourned meeting. H. W. Brown John Byles G. J. Warren be that Committee.

Resolved To adjourned this meeting four weeks from this day at one o'clock P. M. being 17th of Dec 1863.

Witness our hands  
at West Chester



Parish Meeting Dec. 17 1868.

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# Warrant Continued

and the same was read and approved by the Society. It was then ordered that the same be printed and distributed to the members of the Society.

Resolved, That the same be printed and distributed to the members of the Society. It was then ordered that the same be printed and distributed to the members of the Society.

Witness my hand and seal this 1st day of June 1863.

Wm. H. Brown

Committee

Witness my hand and seal this 1st day of June 1863.

Resolved, That the same be printed and distributed to the members of the Society. It was then ordered that the same be printed and distributed to the members of the Society.

Witness my hand and seal this 1st day of June 1863.

In pursuance of the foregoing Warrant the following business was transacted by the Society being convened at their usual place of business, the following was transacted. The Clerk presiding W. H. Brown was

Resolved, That the same be printed and distributed to the members of the Society. It was then ordered that the same be printed and distributed to the members of the Society.

Amount due	1863	126.18
Deposited in bank	1863	126.18
Balance	1863	126.18
Total	1863	126.18



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# Warrant for Parish Meeting April 6<sup>th</sup> 1864

Hampden SS.

To the Collector of the first Parish or Congregational Society for religious worship in Brimfield Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth to warn all the members of said Parish qualified to vote in town affairs to assemble at the Parish Hall in said Brimfield on Monday the eighteenth instant it being the third Monday of said month at One O'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles -  
viz.

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> To choose all necessary Committees for the year ensuing.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> To hear the report of the Treasurer on the financial condition of said Society.
- 4<sup>th</sup> To see if the Society will vote to raise the salary of Rev. Charles M. Hyde.
- 5<sup>th</sup> To see what amount of money the Society will assess on the Slips of their Meeting House.
- 6<sup>th</sup> To hear reports of all Agents or Committees heretofore chosen and act thereon.
- 7<sup>th</sup> To choose all Agents or Committees that may be necessary.

and you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at the Meeting House seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us on or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this fourth day of April  
A. D. 1864.

Henry Selander }  
S. W. Brown } Prudential  
Dauphin Brown } Committee.

Hampden SS.

I hereby certify that I have served this Warrant and returned as within directed.

( Selander ) Collector



Parish Meeting April 18<sup>th</sup> 1864

Meeting called to order and Harrant read by Chas. Selander.

A. S. Hubbard Chosen Moderator

Elijah Allen Clerk, and Sworn.

Voted. C. R. Brown  
C. Selander  
A. S. Hubbard } Prudential Committee  
and Sworn.

Voted A. S. Hubbard } Sworn  
J. J. Brown } Sworn Assessors  
David W. Jones }

Voted, J. J. Warren -- Treasurer

Voted. Collector - C. R. Brown, - Sworn

Voted, to Pass over the third Article for the time.

Voted To Vaise the Sum of Eight hundred dollars  
as Salary of C. M. Hyde.

Voted That the Treasurers Report be accepted  
and adopted, as follows.

April 18<sup>th</sup> 1864

State of the Finances of	
First Congt. Society Brimfield	
Cash in hands of Treasurer - - - - -	4.96
afes in hands of Collector - - - - -	<u>140.72</u>
	145.68
due to Chas. Selander	<u>45.00</u>
	100.68

All other debts of Society are paid  
for the current year. (& all notes)

J. J. Warren Treasurer.

# Annual Report of the condition of the Pastoral Library.

On changing his residence, the Pastor removed the Book Case and all the volumes of the Pastoral Library without damage, to his present study.

There were reported at the close of the last Society year 457 volumes. With the \$30. interest money paid to me, Dec. 1863. I purchased 18 additional, so that there are now 476 volumes in the Library.

Most of the volumes added are in continuation or completion of series, begun by the former pastor.

The books are all in good condition.

There are several volumes of the Andover Quarterly, that should be bound for better preservation.

April 18. 1864.

C. M. Hyde.

Resolved - That a Committee of three be appointed by the Chair to nominate a Committee to appraise the Slips in the Church.

Resolved -	S. W. Brown.	} Terminating Committee.
	Marcus Hitchcock.	
	J. J. Brown.	

Resolved -	S. A. Hitchcock	} Comm. to appraise the Slips.
	John Dykes	
	Henry B. Brown	

Resolved - That the Com. be instructed not to exceed One Thousand Dollars on appraisal of Slips.

Resolved - That the Com. be authorized to designate One Slip for the Minister, also such free Slips as they may think proper.

Resolved - That the collector 'Mr. Solomon' be instructed to give 'Mr. Calvin Baker' & 'Mr. Abraham Charles' receipts in full for their subscriptions to the Pastoral Library.

Resolved - That the sum of one hundred dollars, be added to the Salary of Rev. Charles M. Hyde.



Voted - That the motion be postponed to the next meeting.

Voted - That when this meeting adjourn it be to Monday  
next at one o'clock.

Moved - To adjourn.

### Adjourned Meeting - Apr 25-1864

Voted - That the motion to add one hundred dollars to the  
salary of Rev. Chas. W. Hyde, be laid on the table.

Voted - That when Mr. Aaron Bliss give a deed of his  
Horse-shed to the Prudential Committee of the Society  
that they receipt his tax for the same.

Voted - To adjourn up Stairs.

Voted - To hear the report of Com. on appraisal of Slips.

Voted - To accept the report of Committee.

Voted - That the Com. be authorized to hire Mr. Ward  
to sing.

Voted - To dissolve the meeting -

Warrant for the collector of the First Parish or Congregational Church in Brimfield

Brimfield S.S.

The collector of the First Parish or Congregational Church in Brimfield

C. R. Brown

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn all the members of said Parish to meet at the Parish Hall in said Brimfield on Saturday the Twenty first instant at three o'clock P.M. Then and there to act on the following articles to-wit:

- 1<sup>st</sup> To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> To see if the Society will grant to the Rev. Charles M. Hyde leave of absence for six weeks as Delegate for the Christian Commission.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> To see if the Society will accept for the Parish Tax of Aaron Bliss his house lot near the meeting house.
- 4<sup>th</sup> To see if the Society will take any measures to build the chimneys to the meeting House any higher.
- 5<sup>th</sup> To choose all Agents or Committees that may be necessary.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy thereof at the Parish Hall seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Whereof I do not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us on or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hand and seal fourteenth day of May A.D. 1864.

C. R. Brown (Moderator)  
Henry Islander (Committee)

Brimfield S.S.

Brimfield May 14<sup>th</sup> 1864.

This certifies that I have served this warrant as within directed.

C. R. Brown Collector

A true copy of warrant and return.

Attest. Elijah Allen. Parish Clerk.





December 2nd Monday Nov. 1844

C. H. Brown chosen Moderator

Moved - That the Society grant Rev. Chas. W. Hyde leave of absence for his visit as Delegate for the Christian Commission, provided he is wanted for that purpose.

Moved - To accept the Horse Shed of Aaron Bliss for his son.

Moved - That an agent be chosen to attend to the Tax of Aaron Bliss.

Moved - That Newton S. Hubbard be that agent.

Moved - That the chimneys be built higher and Furnaces better.

Moved - That the President be authorized to building the chimneys higher, also to fixing the furnaces.

Moved - That the meeting be dissolved.

Wm. Allen Clerk  
Elijah Allen Clerk

✓ Church meeting April 17th 1865.

Resolves &c.

So W. B. Brown Collector of the First Parish  
Congregational Society in Brimfield.

Greeting-

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,  
we are hereby directed to notify and warn all the  
Members of said Parish or Congregational Society in  
said Town of Brimfield who are qualified by Law to  
vote in town affairs to assemble at the Parish Hall,  
in said Brimfield on Monday the 17th of April instant  
being the 3rd Monday of said Month at One O'clock P.M.  
then and there to act on the following articles.

Viz.

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> To choose all necessary Parish Officers for the year ensuing.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> To hear the Treasurers report.
- 4<sup>th</sup> To see if the Parish will raise and appropriate any Money  
for the support of Singing and for the Salary of  
Rev. Will. Doyle
- 5<sup>th</sup> To see if the Society will make any alteration in the  
appointment of the Wards in their Meeting House.
- 6<sup>th</sup> To see if the Parish will take measures to procure Lamps  
or other measures for lighting the Audience room of  
the Church and adopt any rules for the use of the same.
- 7<sup>th</sup> To hear reports of any Agents or Committees  
heretofore chosen and act on the same.
- 8<sup>th</sup> To choose all Agents or Committees that may be  
necessary.

And you are directed to execute this warrant by posting an  
attested copy thereof at the Parish Hall seven days at least  
before the time of holding said Meeting.

And you are directed to make due return of this warrant  
with your doings thereon to us or one of us before the time  
of holding said Meeting.

Given under our hands and  
seal this Fifth day of April A.D. 1865.

Wherry Selander } President  
Newton J. Hubbard }  
W. B. Brown - } Comarall



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March 1.2.  
April 1.2.

as directed by posting an attested copy of the same at the  
Parish Hall seven days before the time of holding the  
within meeting-

L. R. Brown, Clerk.

A true record attest Elijah Allen Clerk

Parish Meeting Apr 17<sup>th</sup> 1865

Meeting called to order and warrant read

C. R. Brown sworn Moderator

Elijah Allen Clerk and Sworn

C. R. Brown }  
James S. Blair } Prudential Com.  
C. S. Hubbard }

J. S. Hubbard }  
H. J. Brown } Assessors Sworn  
David M. Jones }

H. J. Brown - Treasurer Sworn

C. R. Brown - Collector Sworn by H. J. Brown

Treasurer's Report read and  
ordered that the Treas copy his report for  
record in the Clerks Book

voted To abate the Tax of Emergency Government  
for 1863

ordered that the appraisal of this be left in the hands of  
last years Committee, with the addition of  
two new members.

ordered that J. S. Warren  
Hubbard. } be that addition.

ordered that the sum of Eight hundred dollars be  
appropriated for the salary of the school teacher  
for the coming year.

voted That the Prudential Committee be authorized  
to contract with Mr. Ward for singing on the  
same terms as last year.



Motion That a committee be appointed to  
be subject of settling the bookcase given in  
Church. Thereupon the

Voted Against the motion

Voted To Reconsider the above motion.

Voted the foregoing motion.

Voted That Mr. J. [unclear]  
J. [unclear] } as that committee.  
J. [unclear]

Voted To accept and adopt the report of Rev. C. M. [unclear]  
in regard to Pastoral Library.

Voted That the business with Mr. [unclear] in regard  
to his bookcase be left with [unclear] to negotiate.

Voted That when the meeting adjourns it be two  
weeks from this day at 1 O'clock P.M.

Voted To adjourn.

Report of the condition of the Pastoral Library.

The Pastor reports that the front shelves of the case are now  
all filled since the addition of the books purchased for  
the current year, and that though the price of books is not  
raised so far as over the rates usual before the commencement  
of the derangement of the currency occasioned by the war,  
he has added this year from the interest of the fund paid to  
him by the Treasurer, 16 volumes, making the number of  
volumes now in the library, 492. The total cost amount-  
ing to \$596.24.

Wm. H. [unclear]

At the [unclear] West [unclear] Allen with [unclear]

Adjourned Parish Meeting May 1<sup>st</sup> 1865

Voted That it appearing that Emory Livermore  
be not a member of this Society that  
his name be stricken from the Book

Voted That the report of committee on Lamps  
for lighting Church be not accepted.

Voted To accept the motion of H. J. Brown  
as follows.

Voted That the Prudential Committee be authorized  
to allow <sup>the</sup> audience or upper room to be used  
in the day time only, for such purposes  
as they approve & are of general interest  
to this community when proper accommo-  
dations cannot be otherwise obtained  
Provided such use will not vitiate the  
Policies of Insurance. & if it so does they  
are authorized to obtain leave for that  
purpose.

Voted To accept and adopt the report of  
com. on appraisal of Slips.

Voted To proceed to sale of Slips

Voted To dissolve the Meeting.

A True Record, Attest

Elijah Allen Clerk



# Warrant for Parish Meeting Apr 16<sup>th</sup> 1866

Hampden SS.

To the Collector of the First Parish  
or Congregational Society of Religious Worship  
in Brimfield

Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of  
the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn  
all the members of said Parish meeting to  
vote in town affairs to assemble at the Parish  
Hall on Monday the sixteenth day of April  
next - it being the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of said  
Month at One O'clock P.M. Then and there  
act on the following Articles

viz

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting
- 2<sup>nd</sup> To choose all necessary Officers for the year ending
- 3<sup>rd</sup> To hear the report of the Treasurer and the  
Financial condition of the Society
- 4<sup>th</sup> To raise and appropriate money for the  
salary of Rev C. M. Hyde and family
- 5<sup>th</sup> To see what amount of money the Society  
will assess on the Shes in their House of Worship
- 6<sup>th</sup> To raise money for contingent expenses.
- 7<sup>th</sup> To see if the Parish will accept a proposition  
made by Samuel A. Hitchcock and if  
pass all votes and orders necessary to carry  
the same into effect
- 8<sup>th</sup> To see if the Society will procure lamps  
for the Parish House
- 9<sup>th</sup> To see if the Society will procure a  
new carpet for the Parish House  
may be deemed necessary.

And you are required to serve this warrant  
posting up an attested copy of the same at  
Meeting House seven days at least before the  
time of holding said Meeting.

Warrant continued to the 10th Dec

Hereof fail not and make return of your  
doings at the time and place of sitting

under our hands and Seal this  
tenth day of April A. D. 1866

U. V. Brown }  
Emerson S. Hubbard } Radential  
L. Blair } Committee

Camden SS.

It is ordered that the  
warrant be put in an attested copy, the  
same as within directed

U. V. Brown } Clerk

A true copy  
Attest

Elijah Allen, Clerk



# Parish Meeting April 16<sup>th</sup> 1866

Meeting called to order and Warrant read by the Clerk.

Voted. S. W. Brown Moderator  
" E. Allen Clerk and sworn,

Voted C. R. Brown }  
J S Blair } Prudential Committee  
N S Hubbard }

Voted H F Brown. Treasurer

Voted N S Hubbard }  
D. W. Jones } Assessors

Voted That the third Assessor be postponed

Voted C. R. Brown - Collector

Voted To accept the Treasurers Report

Henry F Brown having read to the Meeting a proposition made by S. A. Hitchcock wherein he offered to give to the Parish the sum of Five Thousand Dollars for a Ministerial fund to be held upon certain conditions and limitations therein set forth

Voted To accept of the proposed fund and that a Committee of three be appointed to consider and report at an adjourned meeting what action is proper and necessary in relation to the same.

Henry F Brown }  
James J Warren } Were appointed  
Newton S Hubbard } the above Committee

The Proposition of S. A. Hitchcock Apr 16<sup>th</sup> 1866

Know all men by these presents that I Samuel A. Hitchcock of Brimfield in the County of Hampden and Commonwealth of Massachusetts do hereby give and grant unto "The First Parish or Congregational Society for Religious Worship in Brimfield" the sum of Five Thousand Dollars to be paid on the first day of June next to be held as a permanent fund to be called "The Hitchcock Ministerial Fund" to be kept safely invested by said Parish or Society for the purpose and subject to the limitations and conditions herein expressed to wit,

First= The income and only the income of said fund shall be faithfully used and applied towards the support of an Evangelical Orthodox Trinitarian Congregational Minister so long as such a minister shall be employed and supported by said Society as its pastor, to labor in the work of the ministry in said Parish or Society, and shall not be available to said Society for any other use whatever.

Second. Said Parish or Society shall assign a central and eligible Slip in its Meetinghouse and appropriate the same to the free use of the Teachers in "The Hitchcock Free Grammar School" in said Brimfield so long as the Parish receive the income of said fund. If the whole of said Slip should not be needed for the use of the Teachers, the residue of said Slip may be used and occupied by myself or my heirs at law.

Third. In case said Society or Parish shall ever wilfully and unreasonably refuse or neglect to comply with and perform the conditions herein expressed, then all the right and title of said Parish or Society to said fund shall be forfeited, and the same shall revert to and vest in the donor, or his heirs heirs at law to his and their own use forever.



In witness of all which I have hereunto set  
my hand and seal this Sixth day of April  
in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred  
and sixty six.

In presence of.

Henry G. Brown

S. A. Hitchcock



Record of Parish Meeting April 16<sup>th</sup> 1866 Continued

voted That the Subject of the 6<sup>th</sup> Article be left in the hands of Prudential Committee.

voted To accept the Motions of H. J. Brown, as follows.

voted That the Prudential Committee be authorised to allow the Audience or upper room of the Meeting House to be used for such purposes as they approve and are of general interest to the community, whenever proper accommodations cannot be otherwise obtained making such charge therefor as to them seems proper

And that the Committee be authorised and requested to procure suitable means to light the room whenever in their opinion such means can be procured at an expense not to exceed \$150.

Also

voted That if the Insurance on the Church does not cover the use of the room as above that proper Insurance be procured before such use is allowed.

voted That when this Meeting adjourn it be two weeks from today at one o'clock P.M.

voted That the marking of Slips be left with Prudential Com.

voted That the Prudential Com. be instructed to procure printed Notices of Sale of Slips

voted To accept the Motion of H. J. Brown in regard to occupying Slips. as follows.

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Voted That in Renting the Ship, it is expressly understood that whenever the Church is used for purposes other than the regular Sabbath exercises the Seating of persons therein shall be in the hands of the Committee or person having charge of the arrangements subject to the Control and supervision of the Prudential Committee.

Voted To adjourn.

A True Record Attest

Elijah Allen, Clerk

Report of the condition of the Parish Library

April. 1866.

The Regular Annual Income, Thirty Dollars, received this year, has been paid for Nineteen Volumes, making the whole number now in the Library 511, all of which are in good condition.

Charles M. Hyde - Pastor.  
Brimfield, April 16<sup>th</sup> 1866.

A True Record. Attest

Elijah Allen - Clerk.

Adjourned Parish Meeting April 30<sup>th</sup> 1866.

The Committee to whom was referred The proposition of S. A. Fitchcock presented the following preamble and votes for the consideration and action of the Parish.

Whereas. Samuel A. Fitchcock (one of our members) has by a written instrument proposed to give to, and endow the Parish with the sum of Five Thousand Dollars, the income thereof, to be applied towards the support of a Pastor in said Parish, in accordance with the conditions therein specified, thereby enabling the Parish to pay its Pastor a salary commensurate with the exigencies of the times, and at the same time rent the stalls in their Church at a price that will enable all, who so desire, to attend the services therein, therefore -

Resolved - That the Parish will accept the proposed donation hereby declaring their purpose to faithfully carry out the purposes, and observe the conditions and limitations specified in said proposition.

Resolved - That the Parish tender to the donor their grateful acknowledgements for his munificent gift, assuring him of our belief, that it is an act which will carry its best reward, in the consciousness of having contributed so largely to the stability and permanence of the Parish, and Church connected therewith.

Resolved - That Slip No. 14 in the Audience room of the Church, be assigned and set apart for the use of the Teachers in the Fitchcock Free Grammar School the donor and his heirs, as called for in the second article of the aforesaid proposition.

Resolved - That the Clerk transmit to the Church connected with the Parish, a copy of the aforesaid proposition and of the foregoing votes pertaining thereto.



Voted. That the Treasurer be authorized to receive the fund from Mr Hitchcock and receipt therefor, and when so received he shall, with the advice and consent of the Prudential Committee, securely invest the same, keeping an account thereof, and the receipts and disbursements of the income therefrom, under the name of the "Hitchcock Ministerial Fund."

Voted. That the ~~Clerk~~ transmit to Mr Hitchcock a copy of the foregoing votes, duly certified.

Voted. To pay the the Rev. Charles M. Hyde a salary of One Thousand Dollars per year, commencing May 1<sup>st</sup> 1866.

Voted. That the income of the Hitchcock Ministerial Fund for the current year be appropriated towards the aforesaid Salary, and in addition thereto, so much of the amount received for the rent of Slips, as may be requisite to make up the sum of One Thousand Dollars.

Submitted by.

Henry F. Brown.  
Brimfield April 30<sup>th</sup> 1866, James J. Warren. } Committee.  
Newton S. Hubbard. }

Voted. To accept and adopt the foregoing report.

Voted That the Com be authorised to negotiate with C. M. Ward to lead the Singing the coming year

Voted To pay the Sum of ten Dollars for collecting the coming year

Voted To adjourn up Stairs for Sale of Slips

Voted To dissolve the meeting

A True Record Attest

Elijah Allen Clerk,

D. Henry F. Brown. Treasurer, in account

1865

May.

To balance of Settlement recd. of J. F. Warren	146.87
" Cash received for use of Hall-	7.00
" " " of Town " "	50.00
" " " for Rent of Slips-	1101.71

\$1205.58

Liabilities-

Due	Rev. Chas. M. Fyfe May 1 <sup>st</sup>	200.00
"	to M. Ward-	75.00
"	Elijah Allen - Outstanding order	64.25
"	James S Blair.	5.10

Balance the amount of Surplus.	119.87
	<u>464.22</u>

Assets.

Cash in hands. Treasurer-	436.22
Note of Lucius C. Fenton for Shed-	28.00
	<u>464.22</u>
	<u>344.35</u>
	119.87



With - First Parish of Brimfield. Cr.

1865

May

Bydoid for Government Stamps	2.65
" " Order Jas. T. Brown's bill - 1864 + 5 -	5.60
" " allowance of Rent on Note paid before due	1.88
" " Salary - Rev. Cha. N. Hyde -	600.00
" " Sumner Parker for Wood -	16.00
" " T. B. Brown - abatement Ship Rent 1864 + 5	15.00
" " Jas. T. Blair - bills for Coal -	51.51
" " H. Alvord - supplying Desk & Sabbath -	45.00
" " G. H. Upham - oiling Blinds -	13.55
" " E. M. Hitchcock for Coal + Kerosine -	5.16
" " T. B. Brown for Collecting Pew Rents -	10.00
" " D. F. Parker - Kerosine -	1.02
" " Jas. T. Brown " 1865 + 66 -	2.00

Balance - Cash in hands of Treasurer. 436.22

\$1205.58

D. E.

Henry F. Brown Treasurer in account - Library Fund.

1865

Dec.

1866

Mar.

1 To Int. recd. Town of Brimfield on note \$500.	30.00
10 " Int. " " " " note + Interest -	508.25
	\$538.25

Cr.

1866

Jan.

31 By paid Rev. Cha. N. Hyde Increase for one year.	30.00
" " for Gov. Seven 1/2 Note of \$500.	510.00
" " accrued on same.	2.30
Balance - Cash on hand.	5.95
	538.25

Assets - Library Fund.

One 7 3/4 Gov. Note	500.00
Due from James J. Warren -	32.07
Cash in hands of Treasurer.	5.95
Total	538.02

A True Record Attest.

Elijah Allen Clerk

Warrant for Parish Meeting - April 15th 1867.

L.S.

Hampden. P.S.

To the Collector of the First Parish or  
Congregational Society, for Religious worship in  
Brimfield.

Greeting.

You are hereby required in  
the name of the Commonwealth of Massachu-  
setts to warn all the members of said Parish  
qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at  
the Parish Hall on Monday the fifteenth day of  
April instant it being the third Monday of  
said month, at one o'clock P.M. Then and there  
to act on the following articles.

viz.

- First. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Second. To choose all necessary officers for the year ensuing.
- Third. To hear the report of the Treasurer on the Financial  
condition of the Society.
- Fourth. To raise and appropriate money for the Salary of  
Rev. Chas. M. Hyde, and what amount.
- Fifth. To see what amount of money the Society will assess  
on the Slips in the House of worship.
- Sixth. To raise money for contingent expenses.
- Seventh. To hear reports of Agents and Committees heretofore  
chosen and act thereon.
- Eighth. To see if the Society will procure lamps or other means  
for lighting the Incliner Room of the Church, and  
adopt any rules for the use of the same.
- Ninth. To choose any Agents or Committees that may  
be deemed necessary.



Warrant Continued.

Tenth - To see if the Society will take any measures to repair or rebuild the frame to the Bell.

And you are required to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Meeting House seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of your doings at the time and place of said Meeting.

Given under our hands  
this fourth day of April. A. D. 1867.

Newton S. Hubbard }  
James S. Blair. } Grudential  
Committee

Hampden S. S.

Brimsfield April 6<sup>th</sup> 1867-

I hereby  
certify that I have served the within Warrant  
this day according to the within requirements.

L. B. Brown - Collector

Proceedings of Parish Meeting April 15th. 1867.

At a meeting held in pursuance of the foregoing Warrant the following business was transacted. viz.

The meeting was called to order and the Warrant read by the Clerk.

Voted - For Moderator - C. B. Brown.

Voted - For Clerk - Elijah Allen - and Sworn.

Voted - For Prudential Committee - C. B. Brown. }  
Jas. S. Blair. }  
Jas. J. Brown. }

Voted - For Treasurer - Henry F. Brown.

Voted - For Assessors - C. B. Brown. }  
N. S. Hubbard. }  
J. S. Blair. }

Voted - For Collector - C. B. Brown.

Voted - To accept the Treasurers Report .

Voted - To pay the collector Ten Dollars for collecting  
Slip Pents.

Voted - That the matter of C. Baker's Tax be left with  
the collector.

Voted - To raise the same amount  
on Slips as last year.

Voted - To pass over the 6th Article.

Voted - To adopt the vote of Last year in regard to Salary  
of Rev Cha<sup>s</sup> M. Hyde.

Voted - That the matter of lighting the Church be left with  
the Committee in accordance with the vote of  
Last year.



Proceedings Continued.

Report of the Pastors Library April 1867.

The Amount received this year from the Library Fund owing to changes in the investment, is smaller for the present than heretofore.

With the sum received (\$14.87) 10 volumes have been purchased for the Library; one other, the Life of General Eaton, published at West Brookfield in 1813, has been presented to the Library by Mr. William Hyde of Warr.

There are now 521 volumes in the Library at a total cost of \$640.73.

Charles M. Hyde.  
Pastor.

Voted - To accept the above Report of Pastors Library.

Voted - To pass over the 9<sup>th</sup> Article.

Voted - That the fixing of the Bell frame be left with the Prudential Committee.

Voted - That the Marking of Slips be left with the Prudential Committee.

Voted - That when the meeting adjourn, it be to two weeks from To day, at One O'clock.

Voted - To adjourn.

A True Record -

Attest -

Elijah Allen  
Parish Clerk.

Proceedings of Adjourned Parish Meeting - April 29th. 1867.

Voted - That the matter of putting in windows to light  
the stair-ways in the Church, be left with  
the Prudential Committee.

Voted - To dissolve the meeting.

A True Record -

Attest -

Elijah H. Allen Parish Clerk











# Warrant Parish Meeting Apr 20<sup>th</sup> 1866

Hampden SS.

To C. R. Brown Collector of the  
First Congregational Society in Brimfield  
Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the members of said Society who are qualified to vote in Parish affairs to assemble at the Parish Hall in said Brimfield on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April inst it being the third Monday of said month at one o'clock P. M. then and there to act on the following Articles

Article 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

Article 2<sup>nd</sup> To choose all necessary Parish Officers for the year ensuing, and also all committees and agents the business of the Parish may require.

Article 3<sup>rd</sup> To hear the report of the Treasurer and act thereon also to hear and act upon the report of any agents or committees heretofore chosen.

Article 4<sup>th</sup> To see if the Parish will rent their House also to see if they will make any alterations or improvements in the Parish Hall

Article 5<sup>th</sup> To raise and appropriate money for the Salary of Pastor, Support of Singing and other current expenses of the Parish and for painting and such alterations and repairs as may be voted, and determine what part of the money raised shall be assessed on ships and what part raised by Tax or otherwise.



## Warrant Continued

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy thereof at the Parish Hall seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us on or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands  
this tenth day of April 1868.

James S. Blair, } Prudential  
James T. Brown, } Committee

Hampden-Is.

April 13<sup>th</sup> 1868.

I have served this  
warrant by posting a copy at the Town Hall as  
within directed.

L. B. Brown } Collector.

A True Record Attest Elijah Allen Clerk,

# Parish Meeting April 20<sup>th</sup> 1868

At a meeting held in pursuance  
of the foregoing Warrant the following  
business was transacted viz

Voted. S. M. Brown ) Moderator.

Voted. E. Allen ) Clerk.

Voted. J. S. Blair, } Prudential  
Chas. J. Brown. }  
D. W. Jams. } Committee.

Voted. Henry F. Brown } Treasurer.

Voted. P. W. Paige, } Assessors  
Le. C. Fenton. }  
N. M. Goodale } and Sworn.

Voted. C. R. Brown ) Collector.

Voted. To paint the Church outside.

Voted. That a committee of three be chosen  
to investigate the Subject of altering and  
improving the Parish Hall.

Voted. H. F. Brown. } that Committee.  
J. S. Blair. }  
J. J. Warran. }

Voted. That we raise the same amount on the  
Slips as last year. Amount \$898.50.

Voted. That the income of the "Hitchcock Ministerial  
Fund, for the current year, be appropriated, towards  
the Salary of Cha. M. Hyde, and in addition thereto,  
so much of the amount received for the Rent of  
Slips, as will make the sum of - Eleven Hundred Dollars.



Voted - That the matter of singing be left with  
Prudential Committee.

Voted - That the sum of fifteen dollars, be paid  
the Collector, for collecting Slip Books.

Voted - That when this meeting adjourn, it  
be to next Monday, at one O'clock.

Voted                      To adjourn.

Adjourned Meeting April 27<sup>th</sup> 1868.

Voted - To adjourn up stairs, for sale of  
Slips.

1868

Adjourned Parish Meeting May 9<sup>th</sup> 1868

Voted That the Treasurer be Authorized to borrow such sums of Money as may be necessary for current Expenses for the coming year

Voted That this Meeting Adjourn four weeks from today the 6<sup>th</sup> of June at One O'clock P.M.

Attest

E. Allen Clerk

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Adjourned Meeting June 6<sup>th</sup> 1868

Heard report of Committee on repairs of Hall &c

Voted That the Clerk notify all Members of the Parish by writing or otherwise

Voted To Adjourn one week from today June 13<sup>th</sup> at 2 O'clock P.M.

a true record

Elijah Allen Clerk



Adjourned Meeting June 13<sup>th</sup> 1868

Meeting called to order and heard report of Com. H. F. Brown. Plan and estimates re for repairs and improvements of the Hall

Voted Not to repair the Hall as proposed by the Plans and Estimates.

Voted That the Society appropriate the sum of One Thousand dollars for repairs provided the balance can be raised by subscription or otherwise

Voted That the present Com. be continued in office on repairs

Com - - { H. F. Brown  
J. J. Warren  
James S Blair

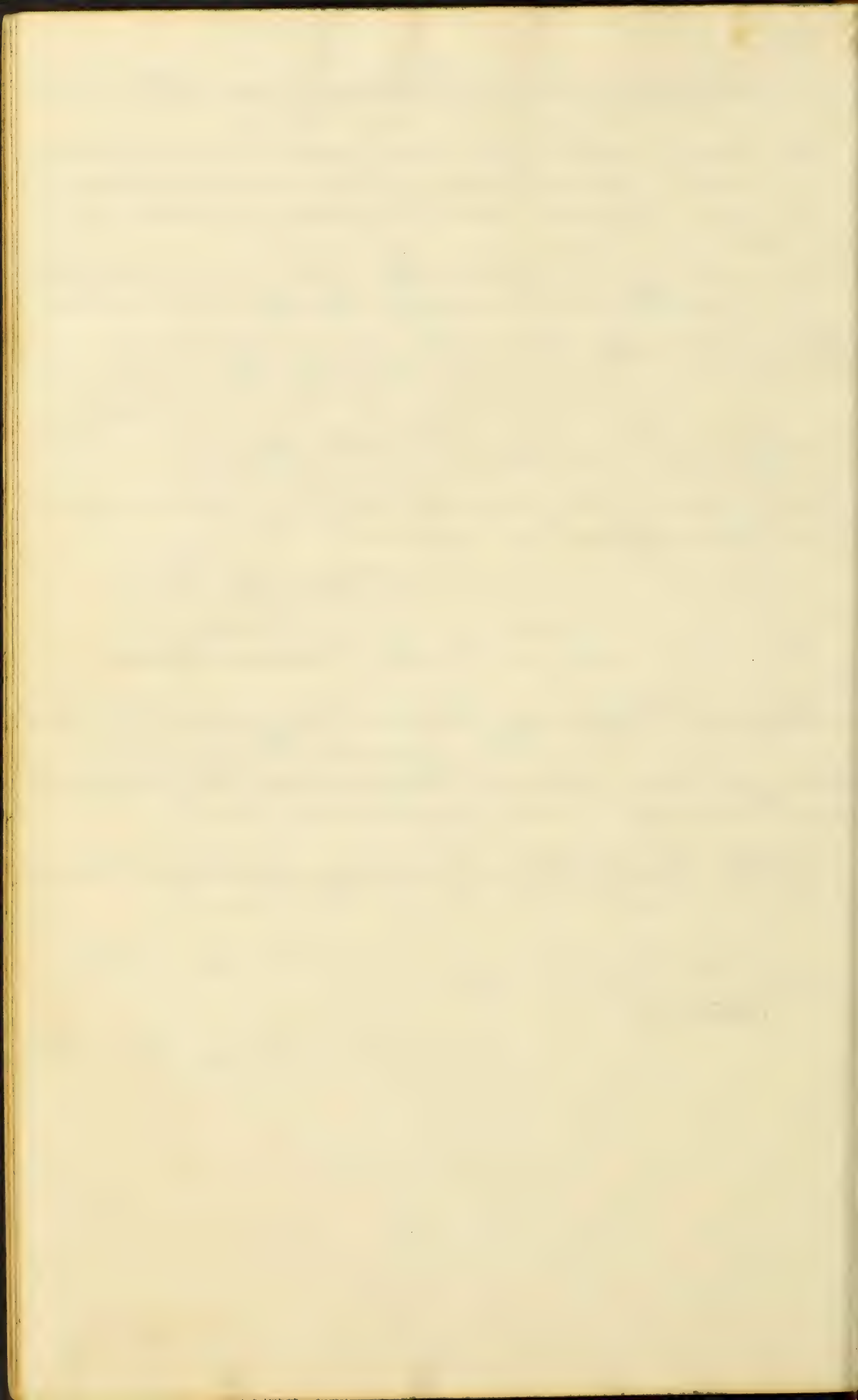
Voted To assess one Thousand dollars on the Polls and estates of the members of the Parish the present year

Voted That this Meeting be now dissolved

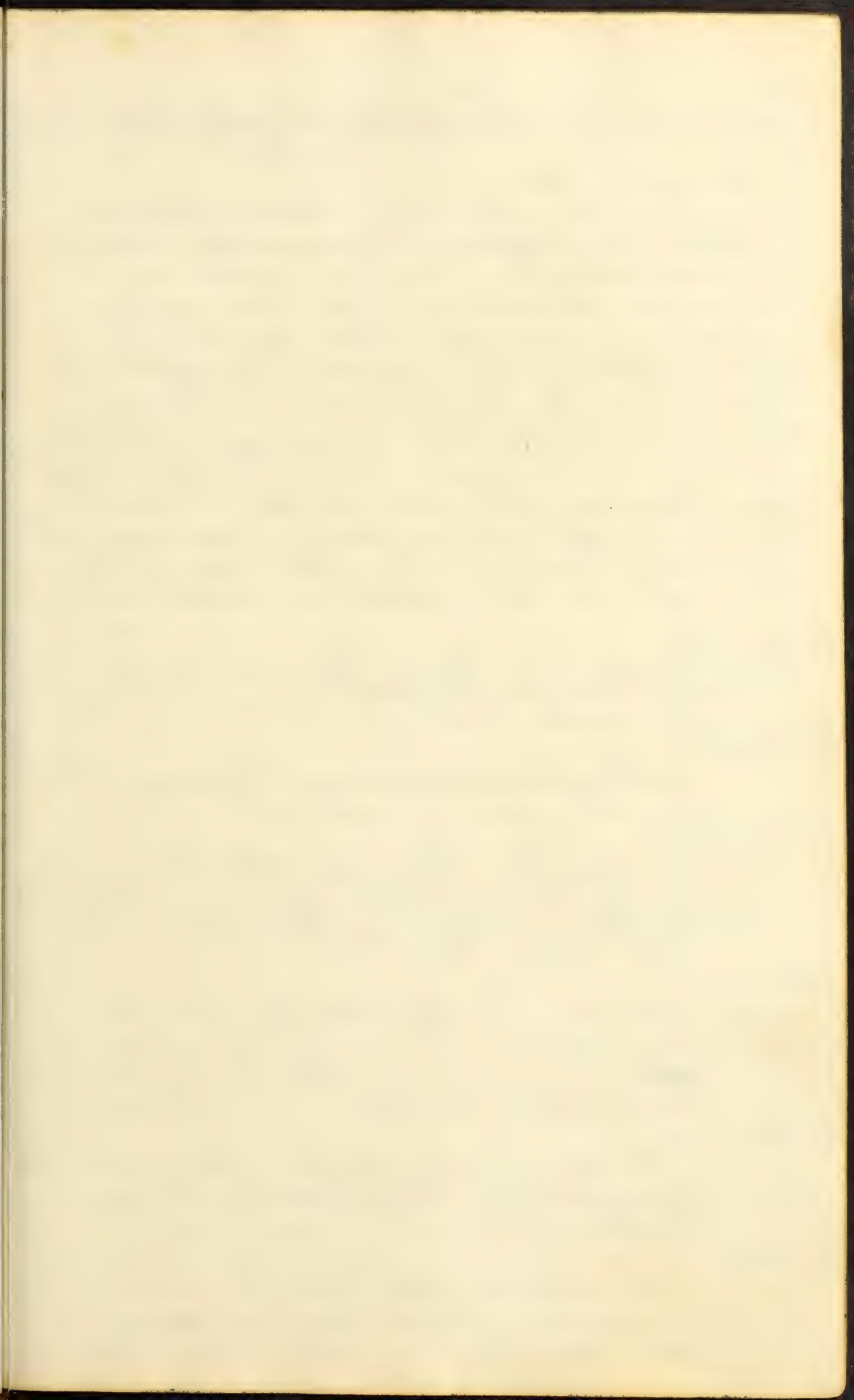
A true record

Attest

Elijah Allen Clerk







# Warrant for Parish Meeting Apl 19th 1869

Hampden S.S.

To C. R. Brown Collector  
of the First Parish or Congregational Society  
in Brimfield

Greeting

In the name of the  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are  
hereby directed to notify and warn all  
the members of said Parish who are  
qualified to vote in Parish affairs to meet  
at the Parish Hall in said Brimfield  
on Monday the 19th of April instant  
(it being the 3d Monday of said month)  
at one o'clock P. M. then and there  
to act on the following articles

Article 1st

To chuse a Moderator to preside  
at said meeting

Article 2nd

To chuse all necessary officers  
for the year ensuing

Article 3rd

To hear the report of the Treasurer,  
also to hear reports of any other agents  
or Committees heretofore chused  
and act thereon

Article 4th

To see if the society will raise  
and appropriate money for salary of  
Pastor, for singing, and to pay  
Parish debts

Article 5th

To see if the society will authorize  
Treasurer to borrow money to pay  
Parish debts

Article 6th

To chuse all agents or  
Committees that may be necessary  
and transact any other business



that may properly come before  
said meeting

And you are directed to serve  
this Warrant by posting an attested  
copy thereof at the Parish Hall  
every day at least before the time  
of holding said meeting. Return  
of this Warrant with your doings  
thereon to us at the time of holding  
said meeting

Given under our hands this tenth  
day of April A. D. 1869

James L. Blair } Parish  
James T. Brown } Committee

Camden. N. J. April 10th 1869

This certificate that I have posted  
an attested copy of the foregoing  
warrant as above directed

C. R. Brown, Collector

A true record Attest

Geo M Hitchcock Clerk

# Parish Meeting April 19th 1869

The following business was transacted at a meeting held in pursuance of the foregoing Warrant

Met A. E. Conner. Moderator

G. M. Hitchcock Parish Clerk  
and sworn by the Moderator

" J. S. Blair } Prudential  
J. S. Brown } Committee  
W. S. Hubbard }

" H. F. Brown - Treasurer

" P. W. Paige } Assessors  
L. C. Foster }  
W. M. Goodale }

" C. R. Brown - Collector

" That the income of the Hitchcock Ministerial Fund for the current year be appropriated towards the salary of the Pastor and in addition thereto so much of the amount received for the rent of slips as will make the sum Eleven Hundred Dollars

" That the matter of singing be left with the Prudential Committee  
Report of the Treasurer was then read and committed



Resolved

That the Prudential Committee give an order to the building Committee in the balance due for repairing the Parish Hall

" To Authorize the Treasurer to borrow money to pay Parish debts

" That when this meeting adjourns it adjourn to Saturday next at three o'clock P. M.

" That this meeting be now adjourned

A true record Attest

Geo. M. Hitchcock, Clerk

### Report of the Pastoral Library

I have received from the Treasurer this year \$45. which I have expended in the purchase of 21 volumes, making the whole number of volumes now in the Library 573. The books are all in good condition and of increasing value in market price, and in material aid to the Pastor in his work

C M Hyde Pastor

Brimfield April 26. th 1869

# Adjourned Meeting April 24th 1869

The Moderator being absent  
the meeting was called to order  
by the Clerk

Voted W. S. Hubbard Moderator. protem

The Treasurer then stated that  
he was authorized to inform the  
Parish that they would receive  
during the year a Donation  
of Three Hundred Dollars which  
the Donor wished to have applied  
mainly to the reduction of Slip rents  
for the current year

" To accept the Donation offered

" To reconsider the vote passed at  
last meeting appropriating Eleven  
Hundred Dollars for Pastors Salary

" That the subject of the amount  
to be assessed upon the Slips for  
the current year be referred to  
the Confidential Committee to report  
an appraisal at an adjourned  
meeting being governed therein  
by the information made known  
by the Treasurer

" That the Collector be allowed  
Eight Dollars for Collecting Slip Rents

The Collector chosen at last meeting  
then resigned

" To reconsider the vote passed  
whereby the Collector be paid Eight Dollars



Vote

That the collection of Slip Rents  
and Taxes be put up at lowest  
bidder

They were bid of by C. Sollerander  
at 1 1/4 per ct And he was  
elected to that office by ballot

" That the income of the Hitchcock  
Ministerial Fund for the current  
year be appropriated towards the  
salary of the Pastor and in  
addition thereto such further sum  
as will make Eleven hundred Dollars

" That this meeting adjourn to  
Saturday next at one o'clock P.M.

A true record Attest

Geo. M. Hitchcock, Clerk

"

Adjourned meeting May 1<sup>st</sup> 1869

The meeting was called to order  
by the President at 11.20 a.m.  
The Secretary read the minutes of the  
last meeting and they were accepted.

The committee on the sale of  
slips reported that they had re-  
duced the appraisal from \$99,000 to \$80,000  
to conform to the vote of the last meeting.

The committee on repairs, Hitchcock  
historical fund and library fund read  
reports which were accepted.

Voted To raise and appropriate Seven hun-

dred dollars (\$700) for the payment of parish  
debts, and that the same be assessed upon  
the polls and estates of the members of the  
union.

Voted To adjourn to the audience room at  
the date of election.

After the sale of slips it was  
voted that the meeting be adjourned.

A true record  
Gordon & Hildreth

" " " )



# Expenditures for repairs of Parish Hall

Paid E. Livermore for window Pulleys	80
" J. W. Manning for Lime	50
" Peter O'Day for Digging	33 00
" Michel Moran "	46 00
" Homer Fort Screw & Expense	7.25-
" John Bond for Digging	6 00
" E. Brown for Pulley & Cord	1 47
" A. J. Bigby for Team work	21 10
" B. E. Sibley for Digging	2 60
" A. Bacon	10 55-
" W. H. Lombard	68 93
" Cheney Newton	10 00
" W. H. Sherman for drawing Sand	17 00
" E. E. Tarbell for Blind Drone	8 97
" O. A. Blashfield Carpenter work	16 50
" Rail Road Freight on Columns	4 01
" E. L. Bates Yellow Pine Boards	3.30
" E. Brown for Lath Nails & Thimbles	3 71
" Nichols & Co for Pipe Thimbles	1 05-
" Freight on window rights	47
" R. F. Hawkins Iron Columns & rights	205 76
" J. W. Draper for Lath	23 60
" N. M. Doodale	19 75-
" H. P. Marcy & Co for Lumber	95 00
" Carrie & Richards	19 33-
" E. W. Potter	7 53
" Cheney Dolander	11 83
" L. L. Fitts	35 00
" Elijah Allen for Carpenter work	140 75-
" J. F. Great Stone Knives	6 40
" W. L. Wilcox	83 75-
" A. L. Chapin Architect	10 00
" J. C. Blashfield	16 50
" Rail Road Freight	1 75-
" N. F. Robinson	1.32
" J. C. Dix Teaming	4 00
" F. Brigham for Lime	27 00
" A. Mcnroe Boarding Masons	8 00
" G. H. Upham for Lathing	3 00
" James Barry for Carpenter work	212 25-
Carried forward	

#1196.15-

Amt Bk over	1196 15
Paid David Warner for Doors	7 65
" E Brown for Window Cord	2 03
" Day Johnson & Chase for Lumber	15 24
" J. J. Morgan " "	18 28
" N. F. Lombard for Seaming	3 00
" E Brown for Best Lumber	1 75
" John Needham	2 00
" C. C. Dawley	25
" Rail Road Bill	96
" P. W. Paige	14 50
" L. C. Fenton	4 70
" B. W. Brown	1 50
" J. C. Spring	50
" John Nyles for Brick	3 00
" J. T. Brown	65 69
" N. W. Morgan	75 00
" Geo Bacon	2 00
" Patrick Johnson	6 00
" E Bliss for use of Wagon	33
" L. L. Fitts Star Rail	21 50
" Freight on same	1 21
" Peter A Parker putting up	2 50
" L. C. Fenton for drawing Coal	9 00
" James S. Blair balance Bill	80 22
" Henry F. Brown	45 00

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Received of Parish	1000 00
" Subscription	262 50
" Parish order for other charges	211 45
" for screws sold	6 50
" for Posts &c of J. L. Brown	17 00
" Lumber " Robinson	1 44
" Mortar &c sold	2 50
" Lumber sold A. L. Currence	2 20
" Old Mortar sold E Bliss	2 00
" Lumber " C. R. Brown	75
" Parish Order to balance account of Society April 19th 1869	73 12

#1579 46

Submitted by Henry F. Brown } Committee

Dr Henry F Brown in ac with

1868	April 20	To balance last year	389	64
"	" 28	Cash recd of C.R. Brown <sup>recd 1867</sup> collectory slip	40	00
"	"	To Cash recd L. C. Fenton Note & Interest	31	36
May	22	" " " C.R. Brown Collector bal slip <sup>recd</sup>	20	25
Aug	22	" " Borrowed & Paid H. F. G. School	200	00
"	27	" " " D. Shaw & Son	500	00
1868	Aug 8 to Apr 14 1869	" " Cash of C.R. Brown Collector on Tax	1050	44
Nov	8	" " " " " " " " Slip Rent	803	06
"	"	" " " " " " " " Interest on Note	2	19
Mar		" " " J. Iron Brimfield for use of Hall	50	00
Apr	14	" " " J. Brown Slip rent col by com	162	67
"	"	" " " for use of Hall for various purposes	35	00
"	"	" " " C.C. Dawley for old Pipe	3	50

\$3288 61

### Liabilities.

Due Hitchcock Free Grammar School	208	00
" Darius Shaw & Son	520	00
" C. M. Hyde, May 1	275	00
" Elijah Allen	71	00
" George Bacon	75	00

\$1149 00



# First Parish of Springfield

Cr-

1878					
Apr 20	By paid order	Geo Bacon	52 00		
" "	" "	C. R. Brown	10 00		
" 25	" "	Elijah Allen	70 00		
" "	" "	C. M. Hyde	250 00		
May 11	" "	" " "	10 00		
" "	" "	Insurance on Library	12 00		
Aug 3	" "	Bal order C. M. Hyde	110 00		
Oct 17	" "	Order George Curtis	30 00		
Nov 1	" "	" C. M. Hyde	275 00		
" 18	" "	for Insurance	87 50		
" "	" "	" Stamps for Notes	2 85		
Dec 7	" "	John W. Morgan	169 74		
Jan 27	" "	Elijah Allen	11 50		
Feb 1	" "	Bal order Rev C M Hyde	110 00		
Apr 16	" "	Order P. Waige	5 00		
" "	" "	" P. Parker Desk	20 00		
" "	" "	" Geo. M. Hitchcock	10 20		
" "	" "	" Building Committee	1000 00		
" "	" "	" E. L. Marsh	11 00		
" "	" "	" J. S. Blair	6 70		
" "	" "	" J. T. Brown	224 40		
" "	" "	" H. F. Bryn	211 45		
" "	" "	" C. R. Brown Coll	25 00		
" "	" "	" Sumner Parker	3 50		
" "	" "	John F. Lumbard	6 20		
" "	" "	Building Committee	73 12		
" "	" "	Certificate Abatement of Taxes	4 00		
" "	" "	Discount on notes collected before due	3 83		
" 28	Bal to our account		483 62		

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## Assets.

Cash in hands of Treasurer	483 62
Slip rent due from W. S. Kemp	10 19
Balance being present debt	655 19

#1149 00

Dr Henry F Brown in ac with

1868

July 1 To Interest on \$5500 Brooklyn Water Loan Bonds 165 00

July 1 " " " " " " " 165 00

\$350 00

Dr Henry F Brown Treasurer in ac

1868

July 1 To Interest on \$550. 5 x 20 Int Bonds 1650

" Premium on same 657

1869  
July 1 " 6 months Int on \$550. 5 x 20 Int Bonds 1650

" Premium on same 657

\$4520



# Kitchcock Ministerial Fund

Cr

No 8				
Aug 1889	1	By Cash paid <sup>August</sup> on order of C. M. Hyde for salary	165 00	
Feb	1	" " " " " " " " " "	165 00	
				\$330 00

# with Library Fund

Cr

No 9				
Jan	15	By Cash paid Rev C. M. Hyde <sup>Salary</sup> on acct	45 00	
		" Expense Collecting Confund	26	
				\$45 26

# Warrant for Parish Meeting 19th June 1869.

Kampden & S

Ed Cheney Stander  
Collector of the First Parish or Congregational  
Society of Brimfield

Greeting

In the name of the Court of the County of  
Massachusetts you are hereby directed  
to notify and warn all the members  
of said Parish who are qualified to  
vote in Parish affairs to meet at  
the Parish Hall in said Brimfield  
on Saturday the 19th day of June  
instant at two o'clock P. M. then  
and there to act on the following  
Articles

1st

To choose a Moderator to preside  
at said meeting

2nd

To hear a proposition made by John  
Myers to Treasurer of the Society and  
act thereon

3d

To see if the Society will increase  
the amount of insurance on their House

And you are directed to  
serve this Warrant by presenting an  
attested copy thereof at the Parish  
Hall seven days at least before  
the time of holding said meeting  
Hereof fail not and make due  
return of this Warrant with your  
doings thereon to us at or before  
the time of holding said meeting

Given under our hands this twelfth  
day of June A.D. 1869

J. D. Blair } Parish  
J. T. Brown } Committee



Hampton Is

I hereby certify that I have  
served the within warrant as within  
directed

W. Stander Parish Collector

A true record Attest

Geo. M. Hitchcock clerk

# Parish Meeting June 19<sup>th</sup> 1869

The following business was transacted at a meeting held in pursuance of the foregoing warrant.

Wm. Cheney & Slander. Moderator

The following proposition made by John Niles to the Society was then read by the Treasurer

Brimfield May 1<sup>st</sup> 1869

Dear Sir

Information derived from my connection with the First Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield and other sources has led me to the conclusion that the plan adopted by the Parish some years since of annually assessing upon their Church Slips an amount sufficient to meet their current expenses expecting to realize from the rents thereof such an income as to obviate the necessity of any tax upon the members of the Parish for ordinary Parochial expenses, has not only failed to secure the desired result, but the great increase in the yearly expenses of the Parish (notwithstanding their income from other sources) necessitated such an addition to the amount to be assessed upon the Slips over and above the sum required when the plan was adopted that it is thought by some, especially by persons having large families to provide for to be not only a burden but a hinderance to such a full and general attendance of the people upon the services of the Church



as the Parish have provided for and we all desire and seek to secure

Therefore, in order to obviate somewhat these objections and to do something towards enabling the Parish to permanently reduce the amount to be annually assessed upon their Church Slips to such a sum that they may rent the same at a price within the means of all who desire to attend the services of their Church, Also wishing to provide for and enable the Parish to secure good and appropriate Vocal and Instrumental music in connection with said services

I propose to pay to, and endow the Parish with the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5000.) to be held by said Parish as a permanent fund, no part of the same ever to be expended, to be kept by said Parish safely invested for the purposes and subject to the limitations and conditions herein expressed viz

For the current year three Hundred Dollars of the income of said fund shall be applied to the payment of the donation of that amount I authorize to be pledged towards the expenses of the Parish for the ensuing year the balance if any to be applied first to defray the expense of music and the remainder towards the ordinary expenses of the Parish

After the first year two thirds of the income of said fund shall be annually applied towards the payment of Parish expenses in such a manner as will most effectually reduce the amount to be assessed upon the slips

The other third of the income of said fund shall be applied to secure and defray the expense of appropriate Music in connection with the other services of the Church of said Parish. Should one third of the income as aforesaid in any year amount to

more than is required for that purpose the excess shall be reserved and applied from time to time as occasion may require for the instruction of youth in Church Music by schools or otherwise as may be thought most judicious.

If the Parish shall wilfully and unreasonably refuse or neglect to comply with the conditions of this proposition then the fund herein appropriated by me shall be forfeited and revert to myself or my legal representatives.

Hoping the Parish will see fit to accept this endowment and that it will have the effect to relieve the burdens above named and secure a more general attendance upon the services of the Church thereby increasing its prosperity and usefulness I subscribe myself

Very Truly your friend

John Wyles

To the Treasurer of the First Parish or  
Congregationalist Society of Brimfield



The following was submitted by  
Henry F Brown

Whereas Hon John Wylee has by a written instrument bearing date May 1st 1869, proposed to give to, and endow the Parish with, the sum of Five Thousand Dollars, the income thereof to be applied to the reduction of Sings and that expense of Music in connection with the services of the Church connected with said Parish, as in said proposition is fully set forth, therefore

Resolved That the Parish accept said Endowment and hereby declare their purpose to faithfully observe the conditions, and carry out the intentions of the donor as set forth in said proposition

Voted That the Parish tender to the Donor their grateful acknowledgements for his generous gift

Voted That the Clerk transmit to the Church connected with the Parish a copy of the aforesaid proposition and the foregoing votes

Resolved That the Treasurer be authorized to receive and receipt to Mr Wyles for the Fund (as now invested) keeping an account thereof and the receipts and disbursements of the income therefrom under the name of "The Wylee Fund"

Voted That the Clerk transmit to Mr Wyles a copy of the foregoing votes duly certified

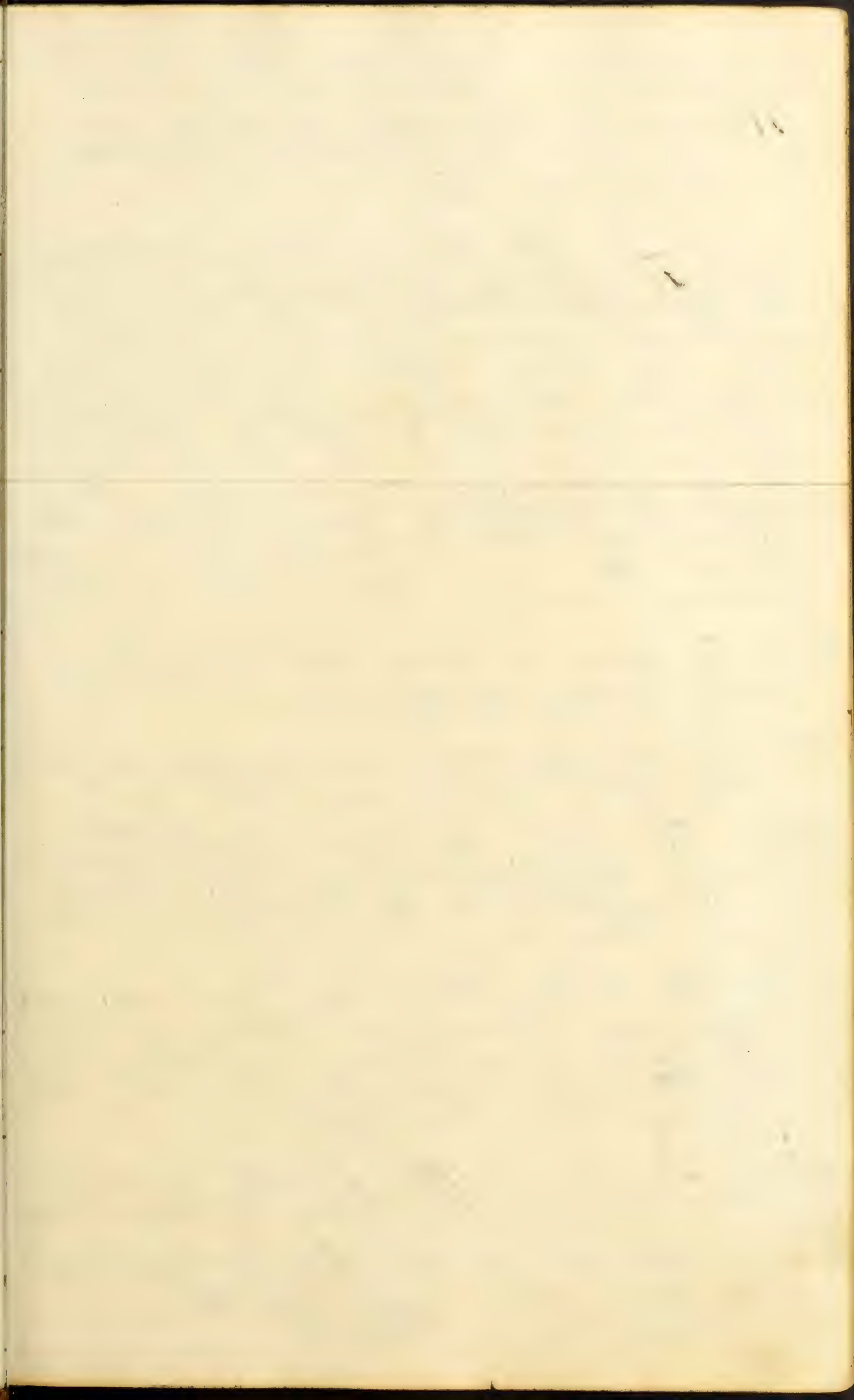
Voted To procure Two Thousand Dollars  
more insurance on their Church

Voted That this meeting be now  
dispensed

A true record Attest

George M. Hitchcock Clerk





Warrant for Parish Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> Apr 1870  
Rampden. S. S.

To Cheney Stander Collector  
of the First Parish or Congregational Society  
in Brimfield - Greeting In the name  
of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are hereby directed to notify and  
warn all the members of said Parish  
who are qualified to vote in Parish  
affairs to meet at the Parish Hall  
in said Brimfield on Monday the  
18<sup>th</sup> day of April instant (it being the  
3<sup>d</sup> Monday of said month) at one o'clock  
P. M. then and there to act on the  
following articles.

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside  
at said meeting.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> To choose all necessary Officers for  
the year ensuing.
- 3<sup>d</sup> To hear the report of the Treasurer,  
also to hear reports of any other agents  
or Committees hereafter Chosen. and  
act thereon.
- 4<sup>th</sup> To see if the Society will raise and  
appropriate money for Salary of Pastor,  
for Binging, and to pay current expenses  
also to see what amount they will  
assess on the Slips.
- 5<sup>th</sup> To see if the Society will vote  
to increase of the Salary of their Pastor
- 6<sup>th</sup> To see if the Society will vote  
to accept the legacy left them by  
Miss Elvira Stebbins.



7<sup>th</sup> To choose all agents or Committee  
that may be necessary, and transact  
any other business that may properly  
come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this  
warrant by posting an attested copy  
thereof at the Parish Hall seven  
days at least before the time of  
holding said meeting  
Given under our hands  
this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1870.

James S. Blair } Prudential  
J. J. Brown } Committee

Hampden S.S.

Brimfield Apr 18. 1870

I hereby certify that I have  
served this warrant by posting an  
attested copy thereof at the Parish  
Hall seven days before the time  
of holding said meeting.

C. Standen. Parish Collector

Proceedings of Parish Meeting held  
at Parish Hall Apr 18. 1870

In pursuance of the foregoing  
warrant the following business  
was transacted.

- Voted A. L. Conner. Moderator
- Voted G. M. Hitchcock. Clerk. ~~Emerson~~
- Voted Jas. S. Blair }  
N. S. Hubbard } Prudential Committee  
J. S. Brown }
- Voted H. F. Brown - Treasurer
- Voted J. W. Paige }  
L. C. Fenton } Assessors  
N. M. Gordale }
- Voted N. M. Gordale - Collector ~~Emerson~~

Report of the Treasurer was  
then read and recommitted to be  
brought before the adjourned meeting.

- Voted That the income of the Hitchcock  
Ministerial Fund for the current  
year be appropriated towards the  
salary of the Pastor and in  
addition thereto so much of the  
amount received for the rent  
of slips as will make the  
sum Eleven Hundred Dollars
- Voted That the Collector be paid  
one per cent for collecting.



Voted That the matter of singing  
be left with the Prudential Committee.

Voted That the same amount be  
raised on the Slips as last year.

Voted To pass over the 6<sup>th</sup> Article

Voted That this meeting now adjourn  
to Monday Sept 25<sup>th</sup> inst at  
one o'clock P. M.

A true record attest

Geo M. Hitchcock Clerk

Adjourned Parish Meeting  
Monday Apr 25<sup>th</sup> 1870

The meeting was called to order  
by the Moderator, the Clerk being  
absent

Voted E. B. Weld. Clerk protem T. Brown

Voted To accept the legacy left the  
Society by Miss Elvira Stebbins

Voted That the removal of the stones  
around the Church and  
the digging out under the  
vestibule be left with Prudential  
Committee

E. B. Weld Clerk protem

A true copy Attest

Geo M Hitchcock Clerk



Warrant for Parish Meeting  
May 23<sup>d</sup> 1870

To Geo M Hitchcock Clerk of  
the First Parish or Congregational  
Society in Brimfield Greeting

You are hereby directed in the  
name of the Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts to notify and warn  
all the members of said Parish  
qualified to vote in Parish affairs  
to meet at their Hall in said  
Brimfield on Monday the twenty  
third day of May instant at one  
o'clock P. M. then and there to  
act on the following Articles, viz.

First

To choose a Moderator to preside  
at said meeting

Second

To see if the Parish will comply  
with the request of the Rev C. M.  
Keyde that they unite with the  
the Church in calling a  
Ecclesiastical Council to whom  
the subject of his dismission may  
be referred and make such  
provision for calling the same  
as they see fit

Third

To see if the Parish will make  
any change in regard to the  
admission of new members and  
to transact any other business that  
may properly come before said  
meetings

And you are directed to serve  
this Warrant by posting an

attested copy at the Parish Hall  
seven days at least before the  
time of holding said meeting  
thereof jail out and make due  
return of this warrant at the  
time and place of holding said  
meeting

Given under our hands this  
fourteenth day of May A.D. 1870

N. D. Hubbard }  
J. S. Blair } Parish Committee.  
J. S. Brown }

Camden S.S.

Brimfield May 23<sup>d</sup> 1870

I hereby certify that I have  
served this warrant by posting  
an attested copy thereof at the  
Parish Hall seven days before  
the time of holding said meeting.

Geo. M. Hitchcock. Clerk



Copy of Rev C. M. Hyde's letter to the  
First Congregational Society

To the First Congregational  
Society in Brimfield

In accordance with the  
announcement I made last Sabbath  
afternoon in tendering my  
resignation as Pastor, I ask the  
Society to concur with the  
Church in calling an Ecclesiastical  
Council that the pastoral relation  
may be duly dissolved in accordance  
with the forms and usages of  
our denomination if by said  
Council judged expedient and  
proper.

Ever your sincere <sup>friend</sup> and well wisher

Chas M. Hyde

Brimfield May 12. 1870

A true copy Attest

Geo. M. Hitchcock Clerk

Proceedings of Parish Meeting  
May 23<sup>d</sup> 1870

In pursuance of the foregoing Warrant the following business was transacted

Voted P. W. Paige - Moderator

Voted To comply with the request of the Pastor Rev C. M. Hyde in uniting with the Church in calling an Ecclesiastical Council to whom the subject of his dismission may be referred

Voted That a Committee of three be appointed by the Moderator to nominate a Committee of two to act with the Church Committee in calling the said Council

Voted H. F. Brown } Committee to act  
L. C. Fenton } with Church Committee

Voted That the Committee be authorized to fill any vacancy which may occur in their board

Voted To waive the matter of notice in the contract between the Pastor and Parish

Voted That the Council be entertained at the hotel



Voted

That there be an addition of two to the Parish Committee to assist in supplying the Pulpit

Voted

A. L. Lawrence } Committee  
P. W. Paige }

Voted

That the Prudential Committee receive all certificates of persons who wish to become members of the Society and present their names at the next future meeting to be acted upon

Voted

To receive to the Society  
Emory Livermore  
John W. Lawrence  
F. A. Webster

Voted

That this meeting be now dissolved

A true record Attest

Geo M Whitcomb. Clerk

Copy of Rev C. M. Hyde letter  
to the Congregational Church

Brimfield May 8<sup>th</sup> 1870

To the First Congregational Church in  
Brimfield

A residence of eight years in  
this community has recalled to me in  
many hallowed associations and pleasant  
memories. But recent events in the  
Providence of God have led me to the  
conclusion that it is desirable and  
best for me now to resign, as  
I do herewith my pastoral office.

It is with feelings of deep personal  
regret but also with the settled  
conviction that it is a duty I owe  
to myself to the Church, and to its  
Great Head under the circumstances  
in which I find myself placed to  
tender to you my resignation.

In accordance with the forms and  
usages of our denomination I ask the  
Church to unite with me in calling  
a council that the pastoral relation  
may be duly dissolved if by said  
Council judged expedient and proper

Ever your sincere friend and well wisher

Charles M. Hyde

A true copy Attest

Geo M Hitchcock Clerk



Copy of proceedings of the  
Ecclesiastical Council called for the  
dismissal of Rev C. M. Hyde. May 31. 1870

The Clerks of the Church and of  
the Society respectively, read the record of  
the action taken upon the request of the  
Pastor. Members of the Church and Society  
added statements. The Pastor also made  
remarks in regard to his feelings upon  
leaving a field where he had labored  
so long, and gave his reasons for wishing  
the change.

The Council after carefully  
investigating the facts connected with  
the question before them unanimously  
voted to dissolve the pastoral relation  
between Rev Charles M. Hyde, and the  
Congregational Church and Society in  
Brimfield.

This result is reached by a  
consideration of the Pastor's reason for  
asking a dismissal — "the want  
of a generous support" — which since  
the Society has such ability we regard  
sufficient, but would express our regret  
that for such a reason they are  
willing to lose so worthy and excellent  
a minister.

We cordally commend Bro  
Hyde to the churches as a sound  
effective preacher of the Gospel. He is  
regarded by his brethren in the ministry  
as a scholar of rare attainments, able  
in his presentation of truth, wise in  
Council, devoted and faithful in his  
work as a pastor. The Ministerial  
Association with which he is connected  
will lose in his removal one of their  
most valuable members and the  
churches of this vicinity one of their

most acceptable preachers

It is the sincere hope of the Council that this Church may be united in feeling and action, may labor vigorously and prayerfully for the prosperity of Christ's Cause in this place and may speedily secure another pastor to break to them the bread of life

A. E. P. Perkins

Moderator

M. L. Richardson

Scribe

A true Copy

Geo. M. Hitchcock. Clerk.



Warrant for Parish Meeting  
At 17<sup>th</sup> 1870

Hampden S.S.

To Geo M. Hitchcock Clerk of the  
First Congregational Society in Brimfield  
Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth  
of Massachusetts you are hereby directed  
to notify and warn all the members  
of said Society who are qualified to vote  
in Society affairs to meet at the Hall  
of said Society in Brimfield on  
Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October at one  
o'clock / then and there to act on the  
following articles

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside  
at said meeting
- 2<sup>nd</sup> To see if the Society will unite  
with the Church in extending a call  
to the Rev W. B. Boardman to  
settle over them as a Gospel Minister
- 3<sup>d</sup> To choose all Committees and pass  
all votes necessary to carry the same  
into effect.
- 4<sup>th</sup> To hear reports of Committees and  
act thereon and transact any other  
business that may come before  
said meeting

And you are directed to serve this  
Warrant by posting an attested copy  
thereof at the Hall of said Society  
Seven days at least before the time  
of holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make  
due return of this Warrant with  
your doings thereon at the time

and place of holding said meeting  
Given under our hands this tenth  
day of October A. D. 1870

J. J. Brown } Committee  
M. S. Hubbard } of the  
J. S. Blair } Society

Rampden S. S.

Boimfield Oct 17. 1870

I hereby certify that I have served  
this warrant by posting an  
attested copy thereof at the  
Parish Hall seven days before the  
time of holding said meeting

Geo M Hitchcock Clerk



Copy of proceedings of <sup>the</sup> Church  
Oct. 10. 1870

At a meeting of the Church held  
Oct 10. 1870

Resolved That this Church extend an invitation  
to the Rev M. B. Boardman to  
assist even us in the Gospel Ministry  
(A unanimous vote was given)

Resolved To choose a committee of three  
to confer with the Parish Committee  
on the above vote

Resolved

Dea P. W. Paige	}	That Committee
A. L. Benson		
Elijah Allen		

A true copy     Elijah Allen, Church Clerk

# Proceedings of Parish Meeting Oct 17. 1870

In pursuance of the foregoing  
warrant the members of the First  
Congregational Society met at the Parish  
Hall and the following business was  
transacted

Voted N. S. Hubbard Moderator

Voted To receive as members of the Society  
A. S. Priddy  
Nesley Corbin  
Wm. H. Sherman  
Dan. L. Briggs.  
F. D. Lincoln  
M. W. Corbin

Voted To unite with the Church in  
extending an invitation to Rev  
M. B. Boardman to settle over  
them as a Gospel Minister  
The vote was unanimous of  
the twenty two members present

Voted To pay Rev M. B. Boardman (if he  
shall settle with us) a salary of  
Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500.00) of  
per annum payable once a quarter  
so long as he shall remain their  
Pastor

Voted That the conditions of settlement  
be, that if either party become  
dissatisfied. The Church and Society  
on one side and Rev M B Boardman  
on the other by giving Six months  
notice the connection shall be dissolved

Voted That the Pastor be allowed  
two Sabbaths each year and the  
Society supply the pulpit



Resolved That a Committee of four be  
chosen to act with the Church  
Committee in extending the said  
invitation to Rev M. B. Boardman  
also to assist in carrying the same  
into effect

Resolved H. F. Brown }  
Wm H. Sherman } Committee  
S. W. Brown }  
J. J. Morgan }

Resolved That this meeting now adjourn  
to Oct 31<sup>st</sup> at two o'clock P.M.

A true record attest

Geo. M. Hitchcock Clerk

Proceedings of Adjourned Parish Meeting  
Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 1870

The meeting was called to order  
by the clerk

Resolved To adjourn to two weeks from  
this day. Nov 14<sup>th</sup> at two o'clock P.M.

A true record Attest

Geo M Hitchcock Clerk

Proceedings of Adjourned Parish Meeting  
Nov 14<sup>th</sup> 1870

The meeting was called to  
order by the Clerk

Resolved To adjourn to one week from  
this day Monday Nov 21<sup>st</sup> at  
two o'clock P.M.

A true record Attest

Geo. M. Hitchcock Clerk



Proceedings of Adjourned Parish Meeting

Nov 21, 1870

The Parish met pursuant to adjournment. Henry F. Vroom Chairman of the Committee on the part of the Parish to extend the invitation to Rev W. B. Boardman reported that the Committee had attended to the duty assigned them, and that he had accepted the invitation to settle as Pastor over the Church and Society; also that Thursday Dec 1<sup>st</sup> had been mutually agreed upon as the time for his Installation.

And filed with the Clerk for record a copy of the Invitation to Mr Boardman, his answer of acceptance, and invitation to churches invited to meet in Council.

A. true record

Geo. M. Hitchcock. Clerk

Copy of Letter to Rev M. B. Boardman

Brimfield October 21<sup>st</sup> 1870

Rev M B Boardman

Dear Sir

The First Congregational Church in Brimfield at a meeting held for that purpose on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> inst. voted unanimously to extend an invitation to you to settle our them in the Gospel Ministry also to invite the First Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield to unite with them in the above invitation.

At a meeting of the First Parish or Congregational Society for Religious Worship in Brimfield, held on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> inst it was unanimously voted to unite with the Church in the above invitation. Also with one dissenting vote, to offer you an Annual Salary of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1500.) payable in equal quarterly payments, with the privilege of being absent two Sabbaths each year - provided that the Convention may be dissolved at any time by either party upon giving six months notice to that effect.

Acting as the duly authorized agents of the aforesaid Church and Parish we most cordially extend to you their invitation to become the Gospel Minister and Pastor of this Church and People, and allow us to express the hope that the same may be effected as soon as may be consistent with other engagements and duties.

Respectfully Yours

W. Paige

E. Allen

A. L. Bonner

Henry F. Brown

Wm H. Sherman

S. W. Brown

J. J. Morgan

Committee

of the

Church

Committee

of the

Society



Copy of Letter from Rev M. B. Boardman

Lynnfield Center

Nov 9. 1870

To Paul W. Paige & Henry F. Brown  
Chapman of the Church and Society  
Committee, Brimfield

Dear Brethren

After careful consideration  
of the call so unanimously and heartily  
extended to me through you and after  
much prayer for divine guidance I  
cordially accept the invitation of the Church  
and Society to become their Pastor and Teacher

In this step so carefully taken I trust  
I have the direction of the Master without  
doubt I would do nothing

Should the union between us be con-  
summated I pray that the Lord will  
make it eminently promotive of his glory  
and of the spiritual and temporal interests  
of all concerned

I shall come to you in much need  
of your constant Christian charity for my  
lack of ability or right judgment but with  
an earnest desire to fulfill every duty of  
my office I shall hope that I may ever  
have a place in your prayers and  
shall expect the cordial cooperation of all  
Christians in the great work before us

I propose that the installation be on  
the first day of December

Very Cordially Yours

M. B. Boardman

A true copy

Geo M Hitchcock Clerk

Copy of Invitation to Churches

The Congregational Church in Brimfield  
To the Congregational Church in \_\_\_\_\_  
Sends Greeting

Whereas the Congregational Church  
and Parish of this place having extended  
an invitation to the Rev M B Boardman  
to settle over them as Pastor and  
he having accepted the same. You are  
cordially invited to meet in Council  
by delegate at our Vestry on Thursday  
Dec 12<sup>th</sup> at 10 o'clock A M. to examine  
and if thought proper install him  
as Pastor of this Church and Society

Yours in Christian Fellowship

Paul W Paige } Committee  
Elijah Allen } of the  
Alfred C. Lawrence } Church

Henry F Brown } Committee  
Wm H Sherman } of the  
E W Mann } Society  
J. J. Morgan }

The other Churches invited are

College Church	Amherst -
East "	Ware
2 <sup>nd</sup> Cong "	Palmer
" "	Monroe
" "	Warren
" "	Sturbridge
" "	West Brimfield
" "	Holland
" "	Marshall
" "	Lynnfield Center



Brimfield Mass Dec 1. 1878

In pursuance of letters missive a Council met this morning in the vestry of the Congregational Meeting house in Brimfield to consider the expediency of installing the Rev M. B. Boardman as Minister of this Church

The Council was organized by the choice of the Rev A. E. P. Perkins as Moderator and the Rev C. B. Sumner as Secy

The following Churches invited were represented

College Church	Amherst		
Congl	"	Sturbridge Rev M. L. Richardson	A. P.
"	"	" Dra Chas Fuller	D
"	"	Windsor Rev C. B. Sumner	P
"	"	" Dra R. Warner	D
2nd	"	Palmer Rev B. M. Fullerton	P
"	"	" Bro Hiram Converse	D
"	"	Warren Rev S. J. Austin	P
"	"	" Dra A. P. Robbins	
"	"	West Brookfield Bro Wm Paige	D
"	"	Holland Rev L. V. Bliss	P
"	"	" Dra Horace Wallis	
East	"	Ware Rev A. E. P. Perkins	P
"	"	" Bro Luther Chapin	D

The votes of the Church and Parish were read. also the reply of Rev M. B. Boardman. The proceedings of the Council convened at Springfield Center to consider the dismission of the Rev M. B. Boardman from the Congregational Church of that place were also presented.

The examination then proceeded conducted by the Moderator

After a full examination participated in by many members of the Council the examination was voted satisfactory

The Council voted to retire and make arrangements for the installation of

the Pastor elect. Rev E B Dummer  
Rev B. M. Fullerton with the Rev  
W. B. Boardman were appointed  
a Committee to arrange the parts  
The following programme was accepted

Voted that at the close of the  
Installation exercises the Council  
be considered as dissolved

The Council adjourned to  
meet in the audience Room at  
half past one o'clock

A. E. P. Perkins Moderator

E. B. Dummer Scribe

A true Copy

Geo M. Ritchie Clerk



Programme of Exercises at Installation  
of M. B. Boardman Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 1870

- 1 Anthem. The Lord will comfort Zion.  
by E. Hamilton 282 Page in Voice of Praise
- 2 Reading Scripture & Prayer  
by Rev Daniel Bliss
- 3 Hymn 1135. "Go preach my Gospel" song to  
the tune "Missionary Chant"
- 4 Sermon by Pres W. A. Blams D D
- 5 Anthem. Arise O Lord into thy rest  
by E. Hamilton (272 page "Voice of Praise")
- 6 Installing Prayer by A. E. P. Perkins
- 7 Charge to Pastor by C. B. Sumner
- 8 Right hand of Fellowship by B. M. Fullerton
- 9 1063 Hymn "With heavenly power, O Lord, defend" or  
song to Mantio (by L. C. Emerson 82 Page "Choral Anthology")
- 10 Charge to People by M. L. Richardson
- 11 Prayer by S. J. Austin
- 12 Doxology 279 Page "Voice of Praise"
- 13 Benediction by M. B. Boardman

# Warrant for Parish Meeting Apl 17. 1871

Hampden S.S.

To George M. Hitchcock Clerk  
of the First Congregational Society in  
Brimfield.

In the name of the Comm-  
wealth of Massachusetts you are hereby  
directed to notify and warn all the  
members of said Society who are qualified  
to vote in Society Affairs. to meet at  
the Hall of said Society in Brimfield  
on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April  
instant (it being the 3<sup>d</sup> Monday of said  
month) at one o'clock P.M. then  
and there to act on the following  
articles. Viz—

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside  
at said meeting
- 2<sup>nd</sup> To choose all necessary officers  
for the year ensuing
- 3<sup>d</sup> To hear the report of the Treasurer  
and any other agents or Committees  
heretofore chosen. and act thereon
- 4<sup>th</sup> To see if the Society will raise  
and appropriate money for the salary  
of Pastor. Singing. and to pay current  
expenses, also to see what amount  
they will assess on the Slices
- 5<sup>th</sup> To see if the Society will take any  
measures to procure a Parsonage.  
Furnaces. or any other apparatus for  
heating. Shingle the house or make  
any other repairs that may be  
necessary
- 6<sup>th</sup> To choose any committees that may be



necessary and transact any other business  
that may properly come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this  
warrant by posting an attested copy  
thereof at the Parish Hall seven  
days at least before the time of  
holding said meeting.

Hence jail out and make due  
return of your doings to us at the  
time and place of holding said meeting.  
Given under our hands this  
7th day of April. A.D. 1871

N. S. Hubbard } President  
J. S. Blair } Committee

Kempden S.S.

Brimsfield Apr 17th 1871

I hereby certify that I have  
served this warrant by posting an  
attested copy thereof as within directed

Geo. M. Hitchcock Clerk

# Proceedings of Parish Meeting Apr 17. 1871

In pursuance of the foregoing Warrant the members of the First Congregational Society met at the Parish Hall and the following business was transacted

<u>Vote</u>	F. D. Lincoln	Moderator
<u>Vote</u>	G. M. Hitchcock	Clerk
<u>Vote</u>	J. S. Blain M. S. Hubbard A. L. Conner	Prudential Committee
<u>Vote</u>	H. F. Brown	Treasurer
<u>Vote</u>	P. W. Laige L. C. Fenton E. Bliss	Assessors

The collection of Taxes and Slip Rents were then sold at the lowest bidders, Jas S Blain agreeing to collect them for one per cent

James S. Blain was accordingly chosen Collector

Vote That the income of the Hitchcock Ministerial Fund for the current year be appropriated towards the salary of the pastor and in addition thereto so much of the amount received for the rent of Slips or otherwise as will make the sum Fifteen Hundred Dollars



Resolved That one Thousand Dollars be assessed on the Slips

Resolved That the apizal of Slips be left with the Prudential Committee

Resolved That the Prudential Committee be instructed to examine the Furnaces and take such action in the case (either by procuring new or repairing the old ones) as they may think best

Resolved That the Prudential Committee be requested to take the Subject of providing a parsonage into consideration and be ready to report at a future meeting of the Society, or call a meeting of the same at any time they may deem proper

Resolved That when this meeting adjourns it be adjourned to two weeks from this day at one O'clock P. M.

Resolved That this meeting be now adjourned

A true record Attest

Geo. M. Hildkock Clerk

Adjourned Parish Meeting May 1. 1871

In the absence of the Moderator  
the meeting was called to order by the  
Clerk

Motion Wm H. Sherman Moderator Pasture

Motion That the legacy of <sup>of Fifty Dollars to the Society</sup> Clara Stebbins be  
added to the Ministerial Fund

Report of the Treasurer then read and

Motion That the Report be accepted and adopted

Motion To adjourn to the room above for  
the sale of slips

after the sale of slips

Motion That this meeting be now dissolved

A True Record Attest

Gro. M. Hitchcock Clerk  
"





Copy

Henry F. Brown in apt with First Parish Dr

1869	Apr 28	To Balance last years apt	483 62
"	30	Cash Paid E.A. James Slip Rent	2 00
Nov	"	C. Solander Parish box	733 27
Mar	"	" Slip Rent	722 43
"	"	" Legumettes "	124 75
"	"	" Interest "	1 16
1	"	" Insurance Hall	50 00
"	"	" Sewer & Hamming "	10 00
"	"	" Transfer from Myles Fund	300 00
"	"	" " " "	229 39

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1869	Apr	Cash Paid for stamps for Slip Note	2 50
May	3	Order of Geo. Bacon	75 00
"	"	Edijk Allen	71 00
"	"	Rev C. M. Heyde	275 00
Aug	2	Bal order C. M. Heyde	110 00
"	30	order James S. Blair	48 61
Sep	21	" " Rev. E. Lee	37 50
"	29	" " John Rowley	4 40
Nov	2	" " Rev C. M. Heyde	275 00
1870	Jan	22 Note & Ints Darius Shaw	537 08
"	"	" Insurance	50 00
"	"	" Note & Ints Hitchcock Sch	217 00
"	"	" order Darius Shaw	20 50
"	"	" " John W. Morgan	16 00
Feb	1	" " bal " Le. M. Heyde	110 00
"	12	" " " J. W. Paige	5 00
Apr	16	" " " Rev. M. Hitchcock	5 88
"	"	" " " Cheney Solander	18 23
"	"	" " " J. T. Brown	33 62
"	"	Bal in Treasurers hands	746 30

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Assets  
Bal in Treasurer's hands 746 30

Liabilities

Due to M <sup>rs</sup> Hyde May 1	275 00	
" Geo. Bacon	75 00	
" Fanny Warren	19 00	
" Jas S. Blair	833 3	
" Wm L. Wilcox & Co	500	457 33
Bal over Liabilities		288 97

Dr Henry F. Brown in apt with Library Fund

1869 July 1	To Interest on \$530. Cert Bonds for 6 mos	16 50
	Premium on same	6 00
1870 Jan 1	To Interest on \$550. Cert Bonds for 6 mos	16 50
	Premium on same	3 13
Or		\$42 13
1869 Aug 11	By paid C. M <sup>rs</sup> Hyde on account Library	22 44
1870 Jan 11	" " " " " "	19 63
	Expense collecting coupons	56
		\$42 13

Dr Henry F. Brown in apt with Northwick Ministerial Fund

1869 July 1	To Intst on \$5300 Brookline Water Loan	165 00
1870 Jan 1	" " " " " "	165 00
Or		\$330 00
1869 Aug 2	By paid on any order of C. M <sup>rs</sup> Hyde	165 00
1870 Feb 1	" " " " " "	165 00
		\$330 00

Or

Dr. Henry F Brown in acct with Myles Fund

1869	June 19	To Cash rec'd of John Myles	5000 00
	July 1	" " 6 Mos Interest on Bonds	115 00
		Premium on Same	6475-
1870	Jan 1	" " 6 Mos Interest on Bonds	175 00
	"	Premium on Same	35 00
			<hr/> \$5449.75

1869	June 19	By paid for 5 Bonds of Lake Superior and Mississippi R.R Bonds \$1000. Ea	4920 36
		By Transferred to Parish of ac for Conditions of donor	300 00
	Oct 17	Balance transferred General acct	229 39
			<hr/> \$5449.75



# Henry F. Brown in ac with First Parish

Dr

1870	Apr 18	To Balance of old ac	746 30
June	30	" Cash Recd. of Hiram J. Allen of Hall	4 75
Oct	"	" " " " " "	5 00
Jan	"	" " " " " "	10 00
	"	" " " " " "	789 25
Nov	8	" " " " " "	4 00
Nov	"	" " " " " "	50 00
	"	" " " " " "	50 00
	"	" " " " " "	236 67
	"	" " " " " "	4 00
			<hr/>
			\$1919.97
1870	Apr 30	By Paid M. S. Milay & Co for Register	4 75
	"	" " " " " "	2 50
May	"	" " " " " "	270 00
"	2	" " " " " "	83 33
"	5	" " " " " "	19 80
"	27	" " " " " "	81 00
June	1	" " " " " "	91 66
	13	" " " " " "	40 00
July	11	" " " " " "	111 00
Aug	3	" " " " " "	40 00
	8	" " " " " "	20 00
	16	" " " " " "	25 00
	26	" " " " " "	20 00
	29	" " " " " "	15 00
Sept	5	" " " " " "	25 00
Oct	3	" " " " " "	25 00
"	17	" " " " " "	20 00
"	24	" " " " " "	20 00
"	31	" " " " " "	25 00
Nov	1	" " " " " "	17 00
	"	" " " " " "	3 58
	7	" " " " " "	20 00
	14	" " " " " "	20 00
	21	" " " " " "	25 00
	28	" " " " " "	35 00
Dec	3	" " " " " "	80 50
1871	29	" " " " " "	31 62
Jan	13	" " " " " "	15 14
Apr	17	" " " " " "	8 20
	"	" " " " " "	87 11
	"	" " " " " "	2 50

May 1	By Paid order Jas. Hany for Bank Case	12 00
"	" " Jas. C. Walker	2 63
	Bal To Hand over	61 4 43
		<u>\$1919 97</u>

**Assets**

Cash in hands of Treasurer appropriated	364 43
Slip Rent uncollected	21 92
	<u>\$392 35</u>

**Liabilities**

Due Rev M. B. Boardman	375 00
" P. W. Paige	83.33
" W. W. Yordale	8 26
Bal Asset over Liabilities	125 76
	<u>\$392 35</u>

Also in Treasurer's hands fifty  
Dollars from the Estate of  
Oliver Robbins which has  
not been appropriated

**Dr** Henry F. Brown Treasurer in deposit with Ministerial Fund

1870 July	1. To 6 Mos Int on \$5300. Molygan	165 00
1871 July	" " " " " "	165 00
		<u>\$330 00</u>

1870 Sep 12	Paid order Rev M. B. Robbins	20 00
19	" " " C. D. Lathrop	20 00
"	" " " " "	20 00
Oct 10	" " " Oliver Brown	20 00
Feb 1	" " " M. B. Boardman	250 00
		<u>\$330 00</u>



Dr 1870 Henry F Brown Treas in ac with Library Fund

July 1 To Intst Premium on \$500. Int Bonds 18 15-  
 1871  
 Jan " " " " " " 18 15-  
 \$36.30

Cr  
 Jan 7 By paid C W Hyde on acct of Library 8.00  
 Bal Cash on hand 28.30  
 \$36.30

Assets  
 Cash 28.30

Liabilities  
 Due. Bill for Binding Books amt of <sup>Bill not rec'd</sup>

Dr Henry F Brown in ac with Nyles Fund

July 1 To Intst Premium on \$500. Lake  
 Superior & Mississippi R R Bonds 192.50  
 1871  
 Jan 1 " " " " 192.50  
 \$385.00

Cr  
 Apr 17 By transfer General Parish ac 256 67  
 Bal the amt due applied  
 for music &c 128 33  
 \$385.00

Assets  
 Cash on hand 128.33  
 \$128.33

Liabilities  
 Due Geo M Whitehead for singing 69.00  
 " Fanny Warden for playing Organ 45 00  
 Bal to be reserved for instruction  
 in music 14 33  
 \$128.33

Warrant for Parish meeting Apr. 15 1872

Resolved

That George H. Wilbur, Clerk  
of the First Congregational Society in  
Brimfield, be directed

In the name of the Commonwealth  
of Massachusetts you are hereby directed  
to notify and summon all the members of  
said Society who are entitled to vote in  
said Society to meet at the Hall of  
said Society in Brimfield, on Monday  
the fifteenth day of April instant  
(it being the third Monday of said month)  
at one o'clock P. M. then and there to act  
on the following articles.

Viz.

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting
- 2<sup>d</sup> To choose all necessary officers for the year ensuing.
- 3<sup>d</sup> To hear the reports of the Treasurer and  
any other agents or committees heretofore  
chosen and vote thereon
- 4<sup>th</sup> To see if the Society will raise and appropriate  
money for the salary of Pastor Goring and  
to pay current expenses, also to see what  
amount they will assess on the slips.
- 5<sup>th</sup> To see if the Society will take any measure  
to procure a Parsonage, to singe the house  
or make any other repairs that may be necessary.
- 6<sup>th</sup> To choose any committees and agents that  
may be deemed necessary. And transact any  
other business that may properly come before  
said meeting.



And you are required to save this account  
by posting an attested copy of the same  
at the Meeting House every week at least  
before the time you meeting. Said meeting

Where you will not make claim of  
your doings to us at the time and place  
of holding said meeting

Given under our hands in what day  
of April A.D. 1872

J. H. Blair, Moderator  
A. S. Hubbard, Clerk  
A. J. Connors

Hampden Co.

Brimfield Apr. 18<sup>th</sup> 1872

I hereby certify that I have saved the  
account of the parties an attested copy  
thereof as within directed

George M. Hitchcock Clerk

Proceedings of Parish Meeting Apr. 15 1872

In pursuance to the foregoing warrant the members of the First Congregational Society met at the Parish Hall and the following business was transacted

The meeting was called to order by the Clerk

Voted J. G. Finson Moderator

Voted Wm. H. Sherman Clerk

Voted A. J. Converse } Prudential  
Elijah Allen } Committee  
Wm. H. Sherman

Voted H. G. Brown Treasurer

Voted To read and receive minutes

Voted James H. Blair Collector

Treasurer's report was read and accepted

Voted To take up the fifth article

H. G. Brown moved the following resolve

Whereas the Pastor of this Society is unable to procure a house for another year and some imminent appearance will soon be without an abiding place therefore

Resolved, That it is expedient and necessary for the Parish to take measures to procure by purchase or otherwise a suitable place as a Parsonage for residence of our Pastor.



Voted On Motion of J. H. Brown  
that there be a Committee of 5  
to carry out the above Resolves  
report at an adjourned meeting  
one week from to day

Voted On Motion of J. H. Brown that  
the Committee be appointed by the Chair,

Henry G. Brown	}	Committee
James S. Blair		
Walter J. Converse		
Winton J. Hubbard		
William H. Sherman		

Moved by E. Bliss that the Society obligate  
themselves to pay ten<sup>ts</sup> cts to any parties  
that will build a Parsonage

Voted In The negative

Voted That when we do adjourn it be  
one week from to day at one o'clock

Voted On Motion of J. H. Brown that we  
raise fifteen hundred dollars for salary  
of Pastor as last year

Voted That the income of the Hitchcock Ministerial  
Fund for the current year be appropriated  
towards the salary of the Pastor and  
in addition thereof so much as the  
amount received for the rent of Sticks  
or otherwise as will make the  
sum Fifteen Hundred dollars.

Voted That we raise one thousand dollars as  
the Sticks

Voted That the Clerk give notice that we  
the Sticks two weeks from to day at one o'clock

Voted To Adjourn Until the 1st of June

Approved & done in law April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1842

In the absence of the Moderator the  
meeting was called to order by the clerk

1841 Motion S. Hubbard Moderator

On motion of S. W. Briggs the  
rearranging of the singers seats  
Voted That it be left with the Presidential Committee

On Motion of H. J. Brown  
Voted That a committee of five be chosen  
who are hereby authorized in the  
name and behalf of the Society  
to purchase or build a suitable  
place to be held and rented to  
the Pastor for a residence

Voted That the committee be appointed  
of the Choir  
Henry J. Brown  
James J. Blair  
Alfred J. Conwell Committee  
Japhin Brown  
William H. Sherman

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized  
to give the notes of the Parish  
and the amount necessary to  
carry out the vote for purchasing  
or building a parsonage

Voted That the Presidential Committee be  
requested to call a meeting of the  
Parish at the earliest day practicable  
to act on the following matters

1<sup>st</sup> To choose <sup>Viz</sup> a Moderator



2<sup>nd</sup> To see if the Society will raise and appropriate such sum of money as may be necessary to pay for a Librarian in anticipation of tax for that purpose

3<sup>rd</sup> To see if the Society will authorize their Treasurer to borrow such sum of money as may be necessary to pay for a Librarian in anticipation of tax for that purpose

Voted That we adjourn for one week at one o'clock P.M.

April 29 Adjourned Meeting called to order by the Moderator

Voted That the Collector have the same compensation as last year on what money is already raised and appropriated

On motion to adjourn to one o'clock next Saturday Carried in the Affirmative

On motion to adjourn to four o'clock Carried in the Affirmative

Voted To adjourn up stairs to Lord Stairs

Voted S. W. Paige Moderator Protem

Voted To adjourn to Saturday at one o'clock

William H. Shaw Clerk

Warrant for Parish Meeting April 29<sup>th</sup>. 1872

Hampton S. S.

To Wm. H. Sherman Clerk of  
the first Congregational Society in Brimfield  
Sholing

In the name of the Commonwealth  
of Massachusetts you are hereby directed  
to notify and warn all the members  
of said Society who are qualified to  
vote in Parish affairs to meet at the  
Hall of said Society in Brimfield  
on Monday the twenty ninth day of  
April instant at one o'clock P.M. &c.  
then and there to act on the following  
articles

viz

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside at  
said meeting
- 2<sup>nd</sup> To see if the Parish will raise and  
appropriate such sum of money as  
may be necessary to pay for a  
place to be held as a Parsonage
- 3<sup>d</sup> To see if the Society authorize their  
Treasurer to borrow such sum of  
money as may be necessary to pay  
for a Parsonage in anticipation  
of a Tax for that purpose

And you are required to serve this  
warrant by posting an attested copy  
of the same at the meeting house  
seven days at least before the time  
of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of  
this warrant with your doings thereon  
to us at the time and place of holding  
said meeting

Given under our hand this twenty  
second day of April A.D. 1872  
A. J. Bennett } President  
Elijah Allen } Committee



Hampton N.H.

April 29 1912

I have served this warrant as within directed

William H. Sherman Clerk

Meeting called to order by Clerk

Voted W. H. Lincoln Moderator

The proposition of Mr. Miller in regard to a partnership was read & approved which Mr. J. Converse gave verbally

Voted To accept of the Proposition

Voted To pass over the second article

Voted On motion of W. H. Warren that a Committee of three be chosen to carry out the foregoing proposition

W. S. Hubbard }  
W. M. Goodale } Committee  
Edward Bliss

Appointed by the Moderator.

Voted To adjourn to Saturday at one o'clock

W. H. Sherman Clerk

Beloved Parish meeting May 4<sup>th</sup> 1872

Called to order by S. W. Paige Moderator S. W.

The proposition of Mr. Wyles in regard to a Parsonage was called for by T. J. Brough and presented by Weston J. Hubbard

Voted That the committee on buying or building a Parsonage be discharged from further duty

Voted To accept of the following proposition made by W. H. Wyles

In regard to Parsonage I will purchase the Converse place paying for the same \$4000, and will lease said place to the First Cong. Society of Brimfield for ten years, at the rate of \$240, per year. Said Society to pay taxes and make such repairs as the Prudential Committee may think best or as said Society may authorize. I will keep the buildings insured and in case they shall burn down the Society is not to be held in any way responsible for loss sustained there by

Respectfully Yours  
W. H. Wyles

Voted That a Committee of three be appointed to carry out this proposition.

Cheney Solander }  
Weston J. Hubbard } Committee  
Nathan M. Goodale }

Voted That we choose two Assessors

James G. Blair } Assessors  
John W. Lawrence }

Voted To dissolve the Meeting

William H. Sherman Clerk



Respect for Black Meeting May 18, 1848

Respected Sir,

As the said (organization) has been  
informed that  
In the name of the Committee of  
Massachusetts you are hereby directed  
to notify and warn all the members  
of said Society who are qualified to  
vote in said affairs to meet at the  
house of said Society on Sunday the  
first of said month at 10 o'clock A.M. and  
there to act on the following resolutions:

First To choose a Moderator to preside at  
said meeting.

Second To see if the Society will take any  
measures in any or pointing the  
house purchased for the said Society  
and see to sending some money  
in necessary expenses and also  
to raise all expenses may be  
the same.

Third To choose all committees and agents  
that may be necessary and to send  
any and all business that may come  
before said meeting, and to take  
reports from any committees heretofore  
chosen and act thereon.

And you are requested to serve this  
notice by putting an attested copy of  
the same at the meeting house seven  
days at least before the time of  
holding said meeting.

care of said not and make return  
of same doings to us at the time and  
place of holding said meeting

Given under our hands this eighteenth  
day of March A.D. 1857

Witnessed at New York City  
the 18th day of March 1857  
at the City of New York  
the 18th day of March 1857

Voted Cheney Salandor Moderator

Voted To pass over so much of the second  
article as regards the painting

Voted That it be left with the Prudential  
Committee to rent the house to  
the Pastor

Voted To accept of the doings of the committee  
in taking a lease of house for Pastor

Voted That there be a committee of three  
men who with the Treasurer be  
a board of trustees to take charge  
of all funds belonging to the Society

James S. Blair was chosen for Three Years  
Eliak Allen " " for Two Years  
George W. Hitchcock " " for one year  
To serve from the last Annual Meeting

Attest the Secretary

William H. Sherman Clerk



Warrant for Parish Meeting Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> 1872

Hampton S.S.

To James S. Blair Collector  
of the First Congregational Society in  
Brimfield Granting.

In the name of the  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are  
herby directed to notify and warn all  
the members of said Society who are  
qualified to vote in Society affairs to meet  
at the Hall of said Society in Brimfield  
on Saturday the twenty six day of October  
inst. at two o'clock P.M. Then and there  
to act on the following articles  
Viz:

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> To see if the Society will grant the request  
of Mr. B. Boardman for a vacation.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> To see in what way preaching shall be  
provided during his absence and in what  
way the Society will defray the expense of the same.

And you are requested to serve this warrant by  
posting an attested copy of the same at the Meeting  
House seven days at least before the time for holding  
said meeting.

Hereof full met and make return of your doings  
to us at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this seventeenth day of  
October A.D. 1872

Elijah Allen }  
A. F. Converse } Prudential  
Wm. H. Sherman } Committee

This certifies that I have posted an attested copy  
of the within Warrant as directed.

J. S. Blair Collector  
Brimfield Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> 1872  
William H. Sherman Clerk

Proceedings of Parish Meeting Oct 26<sup>th</sup> 1872

Voted F. T. Lincoln Moderator

Voted To grant Mr. B. Boardman a vacation until the first of February also including what time the Society have already supplied for him

Voted That The Parish Committee supply the Pulpit

Voted On motion of Mr. M. Goodale that we raise the money by subscription

Voted That the Treasurer be authorised to borrow such sums of money as are necessary, for the supply of the Pulpit

Voted To adjourn the Meeting,

Copy of Rev. Mr. B. Boardmans letter

To the Congregational Church and Society,  
of Brimfield

Dear Brothers and Friends

I am brought to a crisis in my physical and mental well being which demands immediate attention. As you know I have been singularly affected for some weeks with what seemed to be a nervous debility amounting almost to prostration. I have consulted physicians of high standing and all have agreed as to the nature of the my trouble. I was told to leave my case so bad as to require the cessation of mental labor, and to rest without consulting the highest authority in N. H. who confirm the statements of others and adds greatly



to this import. I am told by him that as surely as I do not stop work I shall have terrible disease of the brain that the vessels of the brain are already enlarged and sore and that they will recover only by rest and medication. He gives me hope of recovery in a short time if I will follow his directions but nothing will avail without rest. He says that he has many such cases and many of them are entirely cured: that mine is in ~~the~~<sup>an</sup> early stage, and may be completely cured. But if I do not rest from mental labor I have no hope but a horrid brain disease. It has not seemed to me that my work has been ever hard though I know it has been without much cessation or recreation. I have loved my work and have longed to be of service to this people. I can hardly ever to give over the work this autumn my heart is in it - God is my witness, how earnestly I have desired to bless you in every labor of love. But I must stop for a while.

I have the feelings of a man for my family, and I remember that if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house he hath denied the faith and is worse than an infidel. I therefore in view of my condition, and needs for my treatment will be expensive in view of your consent apparent approval of my ministry, in view of what I think you will desire to do and also in view of what is usual in such cases petition you to grant me a vacation of 3 or 4 weeks to seek the recovery of my health.

I pray that the Lord may grant you and me, and my family, divine protection, wisdom and guidance, and that I may speedily be restored to my work among you.

Very truly

Your Sister

Ab. B. Boardman

Copy of Lease of Parsonage from W. H. Wyles

This Indenture made this sixth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy two by and between William H. Wyles of Brimfield, in the County of Hampden and State of Massachusetts of the one part, and the First Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield by their pastor Nathan M. Goodale and Minister J. H. Hubbard a committee chosen by said Society and duly authorized thereto of the other part

Witnesseth

That the said William H. Wyles has agreed to lease demise and let, and he does <sup>hereby</sup> lease demise and let unto the said Parish their successors and assigns, the dwelling house house lot and outbuildings, situated near Brimfield center and lying the same recently conveyed to him by Alfred L. Converse and bounded and described as follows viz. Commencing on the road leading from Brookfield to Brimfield at the North westerly corner of land of Henry B. Brown thence on said road Browns line South  $53^{\circ}$  East 13 rods more or less to land of John Wyles thence on said road North  $86^{\circ}$  East 7 rods 5 links thence on said Wyles north  $28^{\circ}$  East 14 rods 13 links to the Sargent hill road, thence on said road North  $56^{\circ}$  West 10 rods more or less to the aforesaid Brookfield road thence on said Brookfield road southerly to the first named corner containing one and a quarter acres more or less.

To have and to hold the same to the said First Parish their successors and assigns for and during the full term of Ten years from the first day of April A. D. 1872 on the terms and conditions that the said Parish shall pay therefor the yearly rent of Two Hundred and forty dollars during said term in the manner hereafter provided. And the said William H. Wyles for himself his Executors and administrators covenants with the said



First Parish their successors and assigns. And they may and shall occupy the hereby leased premises during the term aforesaid peaceably and quietly and free from all claims and demand of every and all other persons.

And the said First Parish for themselves their successors and assigns do hereby covenant with the lessor and his legal representatives that they the said lessees will pay to said lessor yearly and every year during said term the sum of two hundred and forty dollars to be paid on the first day of May after the end of each year. And the said lessees as aforesaid do further promise the lessor that they the said lessees will also after the present year during the said term, truly and fully pay and discharge all the taxes and duties that shall be lawfully levied on the hereby leased premises during said term, and during said time at their own expense, make all such repairs as may be found necessary and the Parish authorize and direct, also that the hay cut on the place or its equivalent shall be spent thereon.

And it is further agreed between the parties hereto that the said lessees shall not during the said term make or suffer any waste of or in the premises: that they will not during said term make or suffer to be made any alteration of or in said estate without the consent of the lessor: and that at the end of said term the said lessees shall deliver and give possession of the premises to said lessor in as good order as the same now are reasonable wear, fire and other unavoidable casualties excepted.

And it is further agreed as aforesaid that if during the term the said house or other buildings be destroyed by fire or other unavoidable casualties thereupon (excepted, and it is further agreed as aforesaid that if during the term the said house or other buildings be destroyed by fire or other unavoidable casualties) thereupon this lease

shall be terminated. It is also understood and agreed that for the present year A. G. Converse, or his heirs, the tax is upon the premises he having owned the same until the six<sup>th</sup> May 18<sup>th</sup>. Also that the rent for the next year shall be two hundred and sixteen dollars instead of two hundred and forty as aforesaid. It is also further agreed and understood that should the society be without a Pastor then said society may rent said premises for private family use for a term not to exceed one year at any one time until another Pastor is settled and one who may require a home for himself and family. In witness whereof the said parties have hereunto set their hands on the day and year first above written to this and to another instrument of like tenore and date

Signed sealed and  
delivered in presence of

Wm. H. Wyles

Seal

A. G. Converse

Chenev Colander  
Newton D. Hubbard  
H. M. Goodale

Seal





Copy

Henry M. Brown in acct. with Hitchcock Ministerial Fund

May 1	To Legacy from Eliza Robbins	50.00
July 1	" Int. on Brooks' water loan	165.00
		165.00
	" one years Int. on Robbins Legacy	3.50
		<u>\$ 383.50</u>

	By paid on Legacy from Eliza Robbins	16.00
		16.00
Apr 15	Balance to new acct.	335.00
		<u>\$ 383.50</u>

Statement

Henry M. Brown, in acct. Liberty Fund		
Apr 15	To balance from old acct.	28.30
	" Int. on \$700 Mountain R.R. Bonds	24.50
	" Premium on same	2.45
Mar.	" Int. on Mountain R.R. Bonds	24.50
	" Premium on same	2.35
		<u>\$ 82.10</u>

	By disburse exchange Bonds	9.27
May 5	" paid for M. B. Boardman	24.63
1872 May 11	" " " " "	20.00
	Balance new acct.	28.20
		<u>\$ 82.10</u>



Copy

Henry H Brown January 1st, with H. H. Brown  
 Dec. 1871

Apr 17	To balance old account	12 50
May 1	Int. on \$5000 @ 4% per ann. 17 50	
	Premium on same	1 50
18 Jan 1	" Int. on \$5000 @ 4% per ann. 17 50	
	" Premium on same	1 50
		\$511 50

Cr.  
 1871

Mar 30	paid order J. M. Hitchcock	49 00
	" " " " " " " "	49 00
Apr 12	Balance to new acct.	150 50
Jul 12	" " " " " " " "	24 50
	Balance to new acct.	11 50
		\$511 50

Chas W

Cash in hands of Treasurer \$111 50

Disbursements

Apr 1	George M. Hitchcock	75 00
"	Supplies Monroe	10 00
	Balance on Disbursements	14 50
Dec 1	" " " " " " " "	12 00

\$111 50

Balance to H. H. Brown \$111 50

Account for Parish Meeting. Apr 21 187.

Camden S.S.

Re. James J. Blair Collector of  
First Congregational Society in  
Camden. Grat.

In the name of the Commonwealth  
of Massachusetts you are hereby directed  
to notice and warn all the members of  
said Society who are qualified to vote  
in said Society to meet at the Hall  
of said Society in Springfield on Monday  
the Twenty First day of April inst.  
(it being the third Monday of said month)  
at one o'clock P.M. then and there to  
act on the following articles viz.

1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
2. To choose all necessary officers for  
the year ensuing.
3. To hear reports of the Treasurer and any  
other agents or Committees elected  
chosen and act thereon.
4. To see if the Society will raise and  
appropriate money for the salary of  
pastor, and to see what amount they  
will appropriate for the same.
5. To see if the Society will raise and  
appropriate money to pay debts  
or authorize the Treasurer to borrow  
such sum of money as may be  
necessary for the same.
6. To see if the Society will take any measures  
to build a shed for storing Sittings &c.



7th To Charles my committee with regard to  
may be sent previous and submit  
my the interest of my wife  
along down and making

And so far as possible to see the  
amount of postage on printed copies  
of the laws of the meeting for  
your own at least before they  
are being sent out

Yours and wife most truly  
affectionate father and mother  
to all the time and place  
of abiding with me

Done under our hands this 11th  
day of April A.D. 1872

Alfred J. Allen  
William H. Lawrence  
Ch. H. Lawrence

Done at New York City  
this 11th day of April A.D. 1872  
at the meeting of the  
committee

Alfred J. Allen

William H. Lawrence

# Proceedings of Parish Meeting April 21 1875

In pursuance to the foregoing Warrant the members of the First Congregational Society met at the Hall of said Society and the following business was transacted.

The meeting was called to order by the Clerk

Wm. J. Brown

Wm. J. Brown

Wm. J. Brown  
 Arthur H. Foster  
 Thomas J. Blair

Total Henry F. Brown Treasurer

Total  
 Newton J. Hubbard  
 Minor H. Cyprian  
 James H. Suman  
 James J. Blair

The Treasurers report was read and recommended

to be concurred in again to report on pardonage heard and voted that it be left with the Prudential Committee

Henry F. Brown presented a resolution and of course he gave all the

Moved by James J. Blair that we create it a committee of three and that the meeting appoint a Committee of three to nominate the committee

and then Arthur H. Foster, Henry F. Brown were appointed the Committee



Resolved that the names of Samuel L. May  
Albert G. Converse, Nathan M. Gould  
and one duly chosen.

Resolved that we raise fifteen hundred  
dollars for salary of the Editor

Resolved that the income of the Hitchcock  
Ministerial fund for the current year be  
appropriated towards the salary of the  
Editor and in addition there be raised  
of the amount received for the rent of  
ships or otherwise as will make the  
above fifteen hundred dollars.

Resolved that we assign one thousand  
dollars on the ship

Resolved that we add one hundred dollars  
more making it three hundred

Resolved that the Ministerial Committee  
draw a bill to the credit of the ship  
from Bank of N.Y.

Resolved that the Treasurer is authorized  
to borrow such sums of money as  
may be necessary

Resolved that the Society do not receive any  
other more services unless authorized by  
the General Assembly of the General

Resolved that no subscription for more services  
be taken

Adjourned Meeting called to order  
by the moderator

Report of Committee called for  
Mr Blair reported that it was expedient  
to bring this resolution before the Church

Vote! That when we do adjourn, we adjourn  
to May 17th at one O'Clock and the  
further consideration of these articles  
be brought before the Society at that  
time

Resolved to adjourn until the 17th  
at one O'Clock

And that we adjourn

William C. Sherman Clerk



Attestment made day 17 1858

Reading called to order by the Moderator

Roll called E. H. Sherman at the head  
of his parish

Prayer by the Moderator and singing  
by the choir

Read by E. H. Sherman that the prayer  
book and hymns be adopted as usual  
and separately

Roll called the members of the church  
present

Read by the Moderator that we have  
the book of hymns

Roll called that and the other members  
to the Committee of the church

H. H. Sherman and G. H. Sherman  
were appointed that Committee

Roll called to collect the money  
and the

and the

Roll called

William C. Sherman  
Clerk

Copy of Drafts and Resolutions presented  
to the F. B. B. B.

and we believe it to have been the purpose  
of the committee to have the church  
to be a place of worship and a place of  
instruction and of the spiritual welfare of  
the community. The committee  
is Protestant Teachers of piety religion  
and morality the expense to be paid by an  
annual tax upon the members  
and whereas it was afterward thought to be  
more in accordance with the spirit of Christianity  
to rely upon voluntary contributions for the  
usual and unusual expenses of the Parish  
and whereas the committee to suggest a  
subscription for an enlargement of the  
Church upon the condition that when completed  
it should be a Church should be  
for such a sum as the society chose to give  
and whereas the committee to suggest a  
to obviate the necessity of a resort to taxation  
and whereas this plan notwithstanding the Parish  
the income thereof being applicable to Parish  
and whereas the committee to suggest a  
to moral power and affluence to such an  
extent that at the present time its numbers  
are only about one third of the original  
and whereas the male members of the  
church not over half are associated with us and  
thinks the plan a venting slips <sup>how</sup> proved burdensome to men of  
small means with large families and has proved  
discharge their obligation at a small outlay in  
proportion to their ability  
and whereas in addition





And that the present condition of affairs  
shows that there is a great error in the manage-  
ment of the Irish or in the views  
of the part of members of the

And that it is necessary to account the necessity  
of the maintenance of the  
the religious religion to this people  
and that those who on themselves are  
dependent upon the same we cannot  
say that it is a duty, it may be  
a principle or so few persons to be  
sufficiently to each year deficiencies therefore

With regard to the measures be adopted per  
and with enough examination of all  
the same and that no money be  
raised by taxation until  
the same examination and report

And that you will transmit to the Church  
a copy of the foregoing, for their  
consideration and action

Yours very truly

Wm. C. Thomas Clerk



First we chose a material to produce at

to pay of the Church with money  
with the amount of the parsonage money  
and then unite with the Church in  
making an ecclesiastical Council to whom  
the subject of his dismission may be  
referred and make such provision  
as will bring the same out they are all

Thine  
Thy dear report of the arrival of the  
... ..

And you are invited to send this  
document by putting an attached copy  
through the United States Department  
at last, where the law of nations  
will protect you. We will send you and  
make the action of the President  
at the time and place of meeting  
well known.

Yours truly,  
Wm. L. G. 1871

Edw. M. M. }  
J. H. G. }  
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I shall be glad to see of meeting at  
the club of my friends

8 June 1891

William M. Thompson

Copy of the volume of the 1891-1892

Club meeting Sept. 1891

Don't so accept the organization of the Club

That the Club will be willing to accept  
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W. M. Thompson

C. D. Hall

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Copy of proceedings of the Council  
called to dismiss Rev. M. B. Boardman

Pursuant to letters inviting an  
ecclesiastical Council met at the  
Cong. Church in Brimfield  
Oct. 29th 1873 at 2 o'clock P. M. The  
Council was organized by the advice  
of Rev. H. B. Bull of that place, who  
acted as judge, and Rev. Mr. J.  
Richardson as Scribe. Churches represented  
Church in Hartford Conn. Rev. J. B. Foster  
" " " " " " " " " " " "

" " Warren J. H. Austin Pastor

Bro. J. F. Cutler Del.

Sturbridge Rev. Mr. J. Richardson Pastor

" " " " " " " " " " " "

" " West Brookfield Rev. B. B. Bull Pastor

" " " " " " " " " " " "

and George Curtis of Farmington Conn.

The pastoral letter of resignation  
was read, and the action of the Church  
was fully explained and justified.  
The pastor, Rev. M. B. Boardman in a  
few touching words expressed his  
appreciation of the kindness and  
generosity of his people towards himself  
and his family, in this serious and painful  
In view of all the facts, the Council  
advised that the pastoral relation between  
Rev. M. B. Boardman and this Church  
should terminate on the 1st day of November 1873 according  
to the action of said parties.

In reaching this decision the Council  
is happy to bear testimony with the Church  
and society to the ability, fidelity and  
unblemished Christian character of our brother  
and would thereby express our sympathy.



with him and his family, as the father  
that has come upon them, and pray that  
he who has provided grace to such a  
trust in him, would enable them to  
pass their time of need in that  
opportunity. Especially would we pray  
for one father that God would enable  
him to watch out the work of the  
minister, and also realize with him  
that it is his duty to suffer the will  
of God, to do it, and thus sanctify  
him wholly, soul and body and spirit,  
and provide him abundant grace for  
the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We commend him to the prayers  
of God, may you have strength to serve  
him as his faithful Christian minister,  
and prosper his ministry with sympathy  
and encouragement.

We also tender our sympathy to  
the church and parish called to serve  
to the service of a nation so dear to  
them, and in which relation they  
should themselves so conscientiously of their  
duty, and with the trust that if the  
church, even to unite their hearts  
in the call and settlement of another,  
who shall be to them the full measure  
of the new man, minister.

Rich. B. Bull

Mr. J. Richardson

And also C. L. L. L.

At once copy that

1871

The University

Printed & sold by

Dear Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the above named matter.

The same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours, etc.

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Recordings of South African Bantu

& sent to order by Clerk

Walter H. Stange was named

Colonel B. Brown petition to Congress  
in December 1890 sent with the  
petition to the House by the  
vote.

Report on the petition of  
Walter H. Stange

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Colonel Brown and give  
the record

Walt that it is necessary for  
the House to pass the  
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William H. Brown

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William H. Brown

Resolved that the following be adopted

Resolved that we do unite with the Church

in inviting Rev. W. St. Pierre to  
settle and act in the Gospel Ministry.  
This vote was unanimous.

Resolved to choose a committee to report a plan  
for raising money for salary & ministers  
and expenses &c.

S. H. Brown  
T. W. Brown  
J. H. Brown  
Wm. Brown  
J. Hubbard

{ Committee

Resolved that the committee authorized  
to canvass the town

Resolved that we offer Rev. W. St. Pierre a salary  
of one thousand five hundred dollars  
annually, payable in equal quarterly  
payments with the privilege of being  
paid two Sabbaths each year.  
Resolved that the continuation may  
be dissolved at any time on either  
side.

Resolved to choose a committee to act with the

H. H. Brown J. H. Brown  
C. H. Brown C. H. Brown

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Adjourned Parish Meeting March 24<sup>th</sup> 1854  
Called to order by W. L. Lusk

Report of the committee called for

March 18<sup>th</sup> 1854 read the following  
report

Resolved that we will to whom  
we report the matter of preparing  
and presenting a plan for raising  
a fund of money sufficient to defray  
the expenses of a school to be  
of the school and of the large sum  
making the school in the school house  
and it is proposed to be done  
attendance is desired as follows

That if it will be possible to  
the beginning of the present year  
a school building shall be erected of  
all persons who attend a school  
to be a new school house the school  
to be a school for a new school  
and also within the all persons who  
and who will a school of the  
school to be a school of the  
the school to be a school of the  
and report to the church for approval

Resolved that meeting to be in the  
evening to be called a full year  
for the purpose to subscribe to a new  
to be a full year to be a full  
meeting to be a full year to be a full  
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That a committee be appointed to prepare  
and present a plan for raising  
a fund of money sufficient to defray  
the expenses of a school to be





Warrant for Parish Meeting Apr 20<sup>th</sup> 1874

Hampden S. S. To <sup>Wm</sup> H Sherman Clerk of  
the First Congregational Society in Brimfield  
Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth  
of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to  
notify and warn all the Members of said  
Society who are qualified to vote in Society  
affairs to meet at the Hall of said Society  
in Brimfield on Monday the twentieth day  
of April inst (it being the third Monday  
of said month) at one O'clock P.M.  
then & there to act on the following Articles

First. To Choose Moderator to preside at said meeting

Second. To Choose all necessary Officers for the year ensuing

Third. To hear reports of the Treasurer and any  
other Agents or Committees heretofore  
Chosen and act thereon

Fourth. To see if the Society will raise &  
appropriate Money for the Salary  
of Pastor Singing. and to pay Current  
Expenses. also. to see what amount  
they will appec on the Slips.

Fifth. To see if the Society will take  
measures to point the Meeting House  
or make any other Repairs on the same

Sixth. To Choose any Committees and Agents  
that may be deemed necessary and  
transact any other business that may  
properly come before said Meeting

And you are required to serve this  
Warrant by posting an attested Copy of  
the same at the Meeting House seven  
days at least before the time of holding



Said Meeting Hereof fail not to make  
return of this warrant with your doings  
thereon to us at the time of holding said  
meeting & given under our hand this  
seventh day of April A D 1874

Elijah Allen ) Prudential  
James S Blair ) Committee

Brimfield April 20<sup>th</sup> 1874

I hereby certify that I have served this  
warrant by posting an attested copy thereof  
as within directed

Wm H Sherron Clerk

A true copy attest Edw. Bliss

Parish Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Parish or  
Congregational Society in Brimfield in  
pursuance of the foregoing warrant

Paul W Page was Chosen Moderator

Edw Bliss Parish Clerk sworn by the Moderator

Prudential Committee

Elijah Allen

J. S. Blair

E. B. Weld

Treasurer

H. H. Brown

Collector

J. S. Blair

Assessors

Newton S. Hubbard

Minor H. Corbin

Wm. H. Sherron

Voted, To make a reduction of one half  
of the present rent of the Parsonage  
to Rev M. B. Boardman from the  
first of <sup>last</sup> November to the first of May  
Voted, That the Prudential Committee be  
authorized to make such repairs as  
may be deemed necessary

Voted, To adjourn the meeting to Saturday  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May

A True Record attest

Edw. Bliss

Clerk



Copy of Letter to Rev Webster K Pierce

Brimfield March 1874

Rev Webster K. Pierce

Dear Sir

The First Congregational Church in Brimfield at a meeting held for that purpose on Friday the Twenty seventh day of February last voted unanimously to extend an invitation to you to settle over them in the Gospel Ministry also to invite the First Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield to unite with them in the above invitation

At a meeting of the First Parish or Congregational Society for Religious Worship in Brimfield held on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of March it was unanimously voted to unite with the Church in the above invitation. Also to offer you an Annual Salary of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1500) payable in equal quarterly payments with privilege of being absent two Sabbaths each year. Provided that the connection may be dissolved by either party by giving six months notice to that effect.

Acting as the duly authorized agents of the aforesaid Church and Parish we most cordially extend to you their invitation to become the Gospel Minister & Pastor of this Church and People in so doing allow us to express the hope that you may find it consistent to accept this invitation and that the same may be effected as soon as may be consistent with other duties

Henry F. Brown  
Josh. J. Morgan  
Edw. Bliss

Respectfully Yours

N. H. Hubbard  
A. C. Prouty

Committee of the Church

Committee of the Parish

Edw. Bliss  
Chapman

Copy of Rev. W. K. Pierce Letter

Princeton April 1874

To the Committee of the First Congregational  
Church and Society in Princeton --

I have received your invitation to settle  
in the Gospel Ministry over the First-  
Congregational Church and Society in  
Princeton by whom you are authorized  
to act. I accept the invitation upon  
the terms and conditions named in your  
communication. In doing so allow me  
to thank you for such an expression  
of your confidence and also to express  
my hope and trust that God will  
richly bless our union as Pastors and People

Respectfully Yours

W. K. Pierce

C. B. Clark



# Letter of invitation

The Cong<sup>l</sup> Church in Brimfield  
To the Cong<sup>l</sup> Church in Spencer  
Sincerely  
Brethren

The Congregational Church and Parish of this place having extended an invitation to the Rev W. K. Pierce to settle over them as Pastor and He having accepted the same you are cordially invited to meet in Council by Pastor and Delegate at our Church on Thursday April 30: at 10 o'clock A.M. to examine and if thought proper install him as Pastor of this Church and Society

Yours in Christian Fellowship

Newton S. Hubbard ) Com of  
Albert S. Prouty )  
E. B. Weld ) Church

Henry F. Brown ) Com of  
Thomas J. Moogan ) Parish  
Edward Bliss )  
E. W. Norwood

The other Churches invited are

Cong <sup>l</sup> Church	Starbridge
"	Holland
"	Monson
"	Palmer
East	Ware
"	Haverhill
"	Warren
Union	North Brookfield

Pursuant to letters Missive an  
 Ecclesiastical Council convened in  
 the Congregational Church in Brimfield  
 Thursday at 10 O'clock. A.M. April 30<sup>th</sup> 1874  
 and Rev A. E. P. Perkins, D.D., was Chosen  
 Moderator and Rev. J. M. Fullerton Scribe  
 The Council was opened by prayer by the  
 Moderator The following Churches was  
 represented:

The Cong<sup>o</sup> in Spencer by

	Rev H. A. Shore, Pastor	
	Bro Geo. I. Ladd, Delegate	
The Union Church		
North Brookfield	Rev Chas. E. Coolidge	P
	Bro Freeman Walker	Dr
The Center Church		
Haverhill	Rev C. M. Hyde D.D.	P
	Dea Ezra Kelly	Dr
The Cong <sup>o</sup> Church Monro	Rev C. B. Sumner	P
" "	Bro Chas. Carpenter	Dr
" " " Starbridge	Rev W. L. Richardson	P
	Dea Thomas Snell	C
" East " " Ware	Rev A. E. P. Perkins D.D.	P
	Dea Otis Lane	Dr
" Second " " Palmer	Rev J. M. Fullerton	P
" " " Holland	Rev D. J. Bliss	P

The Clerk of the Church in Brimfield  
 presented the record of the vote of the  
 Church calling Rev W. H. Pierce to the  
 Pastorate and the Clerk of the Parish  
 read the concurrent vote of that body.  
 Mr Pierce's answer to the call was also  
 read. The Candidate for installation next  
 offered papers showing his membership  
 of the First Congregational Church in  
 Winterport, Me., and ordination to the  
 gospel Ministry in Rockias, Me., June  
 12<sup>th</sup> 1872 These papers were voted  
 satisfactory. The Council then proceeded  
 to the Enomination of Mr. Pierce as to



his theological belief personal religious experience and call to the Ministry, and taken by themselves unanimously voted the Examination satisfactory."

The Scribe on Consultation with the Candidate reported the following order of Exercises for the installation services this afternoon—

First. Voluntary by Choir

Second. Reading Scriptures by  
Rev. W. J. Bliss

Third. Invocation Hymn

Fourth. Sermon by Rev. H. V. Thorey

Fifth. Installing Pray by Dr Perkins

Sixth. Hymn

Seventh. Charge to Pastor Rev. C. B. Hamner

Eighth. Right Hand of

Follows by Rev. B. M. Fullerton

Ninth. Address to the People by Dr. Hyde

Tenth. Concluding Pray Rev. C. C. Coolidge

Eleventh. Hymn

Twelfth. Benediction by the Pastor

Noted that the Council adjourn at the close of the public services

A. E. P. Perkins  
Moderator

B. M. Fullerton  
Scribe

A True Copy Attest  
Evelyn D. Perkins  
Church Clerk

At an Adjourned Meeting of the First  
Congregational Society in Springfield  
Held May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1874

Meeting called to order by  
the Moderator

Voted. That the Report of the Committee  
for Raising Money to defray the  
Expenses of the Society be accepted  
as far as they have gone in the matter  
they having secured subscriptions  
amounting to the sum of \$1571.00 and  
guarantee to make up the sum of  
\$30.00 making the amount \$1601.00

Voted. That there be six Persons appointed  
as ushers. J. T. Brown, J. A. Blair..  
H. M. Gordale - W. H. Sherman -  
E. Blip - A. L. Converse were appointed

Voted. That we have but one Preaching  
Service a day from May 1<sup>st</sup> 1874  
to Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 1874

Voted. That the Prudential Committee do  
the best they can in providing  
for Singing -

Voted. That the Report of the Treasurer be accepted

Voted. That the Treasurer be authorized  
to have two Thousand Dollars  
added to the insurance of the Church.

Voted. That the Treasurer be authorized  
to borrow such sums of money  
as may be necessary, to pay the  
debts, and current expenses of the  
Parish, and give the Notes of  
the Parish therefor, provided that  
no such note shall be valid, and  
binding unless countersigned, by  
the Chairman of the Prudential



Committee or in his absence, by  
one of the other members.

Resolved. That the Treasurer & Prudential  
Committee be authorized to take  
such action in relation to the  
Library & Wells Fund as they shall  
to be necessary, & best for interest  
of the Parish

Resolved. That the Meeting be dissolved

A. Louis Record Attest

Edw. H. H. H.

Clark

Warrant for Parish Meeting July 4<sup>th</sup> 1874

Hamden SS

To Edward Bliss Clerk of the  
First Congregational Society in Brimfield  
Meeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to Notify & to warn all the Members of said Society who are qualified to vote in Society affairs to meet at the Hall of said Society in Brimfield on Saturday the Fourth day of July next at two O'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles.

First. To Choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting.

Second. To hear reports of Committees or Agents heretofore chosen & act thereon.

Third. To see what amount of money the Society will appropriate for Music Singing or any unusual Expenses that may come before the Society.

Fourth. To Choose Committees that may be necessary, and fill vacancies if any may exist and transact any other business that may properly come before said Meeting.

And you are required to serve this Warrant by posting an attested Copy of the same at the Meeting House seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting.

Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to us at the time of holding said Meeting.

Given under our hands this Twenty seventh day June A.D. 1874

Elijah Allen ) Prudential  
J. S. Blair ) Committee



I hereby <sup>certify</sup> that I have served this  
Warrant as directed  
A True Copy - E. J. Peip Clark

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Proceedings of Parish Meeting Held July 4<sup>th</sup> 1874

Under the foregoing Warrant the  
following business was transacted the  
Meeting was called to order by the  
Clerk E. W. Norwood was chosen  
Moderator. -

Voted. Mr S. A. Gutteridge received as member  
of this Society

Voted. That there be a committee of three  
appointed by the Moderator to confer  
with Mr Hitchcock in regard to the  
Singing. F. D. Lincoln A. L. Converse &  
Dea' Dauphin Brown were appointed  
as that committee

Voted. That the Prudential Committee be instructed  
to procure the services of Mr G. W.  
Hitchcock to lead the choir in singing  
for the term of one year from the  
first of May last upon the following  
Conditions 1<sup>st</sup> The Parish shall pay  
him the sum of seventy five Dollars  
a year for his services. 2<sup>nd</sup> A vote  
shall be taken by the congregation  
as to whether during the second  
singing on each half day they shall  
face the singers or not 3<sup>rd</sup> Mr  
Hitchcock shall have the privilege of  
selecting his own Choir subject to  
the approval of the Parish Committee

Voted. That Mr E. W. Norwood be appointed a Committee  
to confer with the Pastor and present the  
subject before the Congregation whether  
they will rise and face the Singers

at the second singing or not.  
Voted. To adjourn.

A True Record

Edw Bliss Clerk

Henry F. Brown in acct with <sup>First</sup> Parish of Brimfield <sup>Dr</sup>  
1873

Apr 18 <sup>th</sup>	To balance of old Aset	9.42
May 1	To Rent Recd of M B Boardman	50.00
July 1	" Cash Recd for use of Hall	5.00
Aug 1	" Rent Recd of Rev M B Boardman	50.00
Sept	" Cash " for use of Hall	13.00
Nov 1 <sup>st</sup>	To " " Jos S Blair Slip Rent	200.00
" 8	" " " " " "	320.00
1874 Jan 14 <sup>th</sup>	To Cash Recd of J S Blair	381.83
Feb 23	To Cash Recd of J S Blair	175.00
Mar 21	" " " " " "	100.00
Apr 17	" " " " " "	48.00 = 1224.83
" 8	" " " Tax	350.00
1874 Mar 10	" " " " "	103.87
Feb 26	" " " " "	100.00
Apr 17	" " " " "	75.00 = 628.37
Nov 7	" " " For Rent Rev M B Boardman	50.00
Mar 10	" " " Old Iron Sold	8.61
"	" " " of Town for use of Hall	50.00
Apr 17	" " " Jos S Blair Slip	
" 28	Rent of E H Hall 1872	4.50
18	Transfer from Wyles fund	134.17
		2227.90
	Balance being the amount due Treas	83.86
		2311.76



1873			H. J. Brown Treasurer	Cr
May 1 <sup>st</sup>			Paid order A. J. Converse -	21.50
"	"	"	" D. W. Paige -	83.33
"	"	"	" Wm. H. Wyles	216.00
"	"	"	" James S. Blair	12.15
"	"	"	" Rev M. B. Boardman	149.92
July 31	"	"	" " " " -	210.00
July 27	"	"	" J. S. Blair Shed	65.37
"	"	"	" Wm. H. Sherman	20.00
"	"	"	" E. W. Macey for Coal	3.60
Nov 7	"	"	" Rev M. B. Boardman	375.00
" 18	"	"	" Renewal of Insurance	105.00
1874	"	"	" Coal	46.26
Jan 14	"	"	" Jas. S. Blair Stove &c	25.32
"	"	"	" " "balance over ministerial fund	89.00
Apr 17	"	"	" A. S. Hubbard	7.50
"	"	"	" Amos Munroe	23.00
"	"	"	" W. K. Pierce	200.00
"	"	"	" Tax on Parsonage	37.23
"	"	"	" on money advanced	12.25
Apr 23	"	"	" G. M. Hitchcock	3.20
"	"	"	" M. H. Corbin	1.00
May 2	"	"	" Lizzie Munroe	51.00
"	"	"	" Order Wm. H. Wyles	240.00
"	"	"	" D. W. Paige -	83.33
"	"	"	" J. J. Brown	8.38
"	"	"	" Wm. H. Sherman	2.50
"	"	"	" Jas. S. Blair	18.50
"	"	"	" Amos Munroe	18.50
"	"	"	" Rev W. K. Pierce	175.00
"	"	"	" balance on G. M. Hitchcock	7.92
				<u>\$2371.76</u>

# Assets

Due from Rev M. B. Boardman 50.00

# 1873 Ministerial Fund

Apr 18	To Balance from old account	8.00
July 1	" Inst on \$5500 B. Water Loan	165.00
" 1/1874	" " "	165.00
		<u>\$338.00</u>

1873	Cr	
July 31	By Paid on order of Rev M. B. Boardman	165.00
Jan 1/1874	By " " " Dr J. S. Blair	173.00
		<u>\$338.00</u>

1873	Library Fund	Dr
Apr 18	To Balance	83.36
		<u>\$83.36</u>

1873		
June 14	By Paid for Insurance Library	12.00
July 22	" " Rev M. B. Boardman	25.00
	Balance to new Ape	46.36
		<u>\$83.36</u>

1873	Wyles Fund	
Apr	To Balance forward	150.68
July	To Inst on Lake Superior Co	175.00
	Premium on Same	26.25
		<u>\$351.93</u>

1873	Payments	
May 1	Paid order G M Hitchcock	75.00
1874	" " Lizzie Munroe	52.00
Apr 20	By transfer Gen Parish Ape 2/3	134.17
May 1	Paid order G M Hitchcock	67.08
	" Lizzie Munroe	
	Balance to be held for instruction in Music	23.68
		<u>\$351.93</u>



Warrant for Parish Meeting Apr 19<sup>th</sup> / 1875  
Hampden S S

To Edward Bliss Clerk of  
the First Parish or Congregational  
Society in Springfield

Greeting -

You are hereby required in the name  
of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to  
notify & warn all the Members of said  
Society who are qualified to vote in  
Society Affairs to meet at the Hall  
of said Society on Monday the nineteenth  
the day of April Instant it being the  
third Monday of said month at one  
o'clock P M then & there to act on the  
following Articles

Viz

- 1 To Choose a Moderator to preside at  
said Meeting
- 2<sup>nd</sup> To Choose all necessary officers for the year ensuing
- 3<sup>rd</sup> To hear the report of the Treasurer on  
the financial Condition of the Society  
and any other Agents or Committees  
heretofore Chosen and act thereon
- 4<sup>th</sup> To see if the Society will raise and  
appropriate Money for the Salary  
of Pastor or act thereon
- 5<sup>th</sup> To see if the Society will raise &  
appropriate Money for Singing and  
to pay Current Expenses and what  
amount or act thereon
- 6<sup>th</sup> To see what amount of Money the Society  
will assen on their Slips in their  
House of Worship
- 7<sup>th</sup> To see if the Society will take measur-  
es to Paint the Meeting House or make  
any other repairs on the same
- 8<sup>th</sup> To see if the Society will take any  
action to Lease or otherwise  
dispose of their Parsonage
- 9<sup>th</sup> To see if the Society will instruct  
their Committee in regard to renting  
their Hall

10<sup>th</sup> To hear reports of Agents and Committee  
heretofore Chosen and act thereon  
11 To Choose any Agents & Committee that  
may be deemed necessary and transact  
any other business that may properly  
come before said Meeting  
And you are required to serve this  
warrant by posting up an attested  
Copy of this same at the Meeting  
House seven days at least  
before the time for holding  
said Meeting

Hereof fail not  
and make return of your doings  
at the time and place of said Meeting

Given under our hands this Eighth day  
of April A.D. 1875

Elijah Allen } Prudential  
J. S. Blair } Committee

Hampden S.S.

Springfield Apr 8<sup>th</sup> / 1875

I hereby Certify that I have served  
the foregoing warrant as there in  
directed

E. B. Clerk

A. True Copy Attest



Proceedings of Parish Meeting Apr 11<sup>th</sup> 1875

Under warrant of April 8<sup>th</sup> 1875 the  
following business was transacted  
Meeting called to order by the Clerk  
H. D. Lincoln chosen Moderator

El Ship Clerk & Sworn

Prudential Committee J. S. Blair  
Emerg Liversmore  
Oliver J. Spalding

Treasurer - H. F. Brown & Sworn

Collector - J. S. Blair

Assessors N. S. Hubbard and Sworn  
Minor Corbin by Moderator  
Wm H. Shannon

Report of the Treasurer Read & accepted

Voted That the income of the Hitchcock  
Ministerial Fund be appropriated  
to pay Salary of the Pastor and as  
much more to make fifteen  
Hundred Dollars

Voted That there be raised \$2000 by  
Subscription to defray the expenses  
of the Society

Voted That when the meeting adjourn  
it adjourn to meet two weeks  
from next Saturday the Eight day of  
May next at one o'clock P.M.

Voted That there be a committee of five  
appointed to solicit subscriptions  
for money to defray expenses of  
the Parish

The following gentlemen  
were appointed J. J. Morgan

J. W. Browning  
A. S. Prouty J. S. Blair  
C. Newton

## Proceedings Continued

Voted That the Committee be authorized to fill any vacancies

Voted That the sixth article in the Warrant be papered over

Voted That the seventh be papered over

Voted That the Eighth " "

Voted " " ninth " " "

Voted Motion H. F. Brown That the matter of singing be left with the Parish Committee & that they be authorized to expend a sum not to exceed \$150 without instructions from the Parish

Motion of A. L. Converse That the Parish Committee be instructed not <sup>to</sup> employ at the expense of the Parish help from out of Town in our singing

Voted That the Parish Committee be instructed not to employ any help in singing from out of Town previous to the adjourned meeting

A True Record Attest Ewd Bliss  
Clerk



H. F. Brown Treasurer

In account with First Parish & -  
1874 Springfield Dr

June 4 <sup>th</sup>	To Cash Recd. of Rev M B Boardman for rent	50.00
" 9 <sup>th</sup>	" Cash borrowed & Recd. of Wm H Sherman	200.00
Aug 12 <sup>th</sup>	" " Inst Paid Rev W K Pierce on note	3.50
Nov 1 <sup>st</sup>	" " Recd. of Town for use of Hall	50.00
" "	" " Individuals	22.00
Nov to Apr 16	" J S Blair funds of subscriptions	1602.00
" "	" Slip Rent 1873	2.33
		<u>\$1929.83</u>

1874	Treasurer Cr	
May 1	By balance due on settlement	83.86
" 17	" paid for additional Insurance	60.00
Aug 8 <sup>th</sup>	" order J S Blair	
" "	Expense for singing	26.00
" "	To paid bal order Rev W K Pierce over amount paid by ministerial fund	210.00
Sept 19 <sup>th</sup>	By paid order Jas S Blair	
" "	Expense pulpit supply	40.00
Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup>	" " J S Blair for bills paid	8.05
" 4 <sup>th</sup>	" " Rev W K Pierce	375.00
" 25 <sup>th</sup>	" " Lizzie Munroe	30.00
" 6 <sup>th</sup>	" " for Renewal of Insurance	60.00
Jan 7 <sup>th</sup> 1875	By paid order J C Fenton for wood & drawing Coal	36.75
" 23	By paid G M Hitchcock for singing	37.50
" 29	" " Note Wm H Sherman \$20. Inst \$8.95	208.95
Feb 3 <sup>rd</sup>	" bal of order Rev W K Pierce over amount paid by fund	210.00
Mar 13 <sup>th</sup>	J S Blair Cost of repair of Chimney	12.04
" "	By paid J C Walker sawing & packing wood	4.38
Apr 16	" " G M Hitchcock for oil	4.68
" "	" " W. F. Tarbell tax on Parsonage	32.83
" "	" " H. F. Brown for Coal	53.97
" "	" " J. F. Brown for oil glass &c	8.71
" "	" " H F Brown " paid repairs on organ &c	3.75
Balance Cash in Treasurers Hands		423.36
		<u>\$1929.83</u>



# Report Continued

## Liabilities

Due Etta Lincoln and Belle F. Brown	40.00
" P. H. Paige	93.33
" Wm. H. Myers	240.00
Rev W. K. Pierce	375.00
Jos S Blair for Collecting	15.00
	<u>\$763.33</u>

## Assets

Cash in hands of Treasurer	423.36
Due from Rev M. B. Boardman	100.00
" " unpaid subscription	26.00
Balance amt of debt over assets	<u>213.97</u>
	<u>\$763.33</u>

Doings of Adjourned Meeting May 8<sup>th</sup> 1875  
under warrant of Apr 8<sup>th</sup> 1875 -

Meeting Called to order by the Moderator

Voted That the Parish Committee be instructed to Charge for the use of the Hall in all cases except such as in their discretion it is best to abate the same

Voted There be Eighteen Hundred Dollars assessed on the slips of the Church

Voted There be a Committee of three appointed to assess the slips  
The Committee

A. L. Converse - J. S. Blair  
J. S. Morgan

Voted That the Prudential Committee be authorized to Inquire if they have a right to rent the Parsonage if so to rent it. They have an opportunity

Voted That when this meeting adjourn



it adjourn to meet one week from next  
Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> day of the month at one o'clock

A True record attest Ewd. Blip Clerk

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Doings of adjourned Meeting of May 17<sup>th</sup>  
under Warrant of Apr 8<sup>th</sup> 1875 Meeting  
In absence of the Moderator Called  
to order by the Clerk —

Voted N. S. Hubbard Chosen Moderator

Voted <sup>Protem</sup> That the Meeting adjourn to the  
upper room for the sail of  
the Ship of the Church —

Voted That the Meeting be dissolved

A True Record attest Ewd. Blip Clerk

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Hampden S S  
To Edward Blip Clerk of  
the First Parish or Congregational  
Society of Springfield  
Meeting  
You are hereby requested in the  
name of the Commonwealth of Massa-  
chusetts to warn all the Members of  
said Parish qualified to vote in  
Society affairs to assemble at the Parish  
Hall on Saturday the Eight day of May  
instant at Two o'clock P.M. then and  
there to act on the following Articles  
1<sup>st</sup> To Choose a Moderator to Preside  
at said Meeting  
2<sup>nd</sup> To see if the Society will authorize  
the Treasurer to borrow Money or act thereon

And you are requested to serve  
this warrant by posting up an  
attested copy of the same at the  
meeting House seven days at least  
before the time for holding  
said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of  
your doings at the time & place  
of said meeting.

Given under our hands this thirtieth  
day of April A D 1875

J. S. Blair } Prudential  
E. Livermore } Committee

Hampden S.S. Springfield Apr 30<sup>th</sup> 1875

I hereby certify that I have served the  
within warrant as therein directed

A True Copy attest  
Ewd Bliss Clerk

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Proceedings of Parish Meeting under  
Warrant of Apr 30<sup>th</sup> 1875

Meeting Called to order by  
the Clerk

Voted N. S. Hubbard Chosen Moderator

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized  
to borrow such sums of money as  
may be deemed necessary

Voted The Meeting be dissolved -

A True Record attest

Ewd Bliss  
Clerk



Warrant for Parish Meeting April 6<sup>th</sup> / 1876

Hampden SS

To Edward Bliss Clerk of the  
First Parish or Congregational Society of  
Brimfield

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts you are required to notify  
and warn the Members of said Society  
who are qualified to vote in Parish  
affairs to assemble at the Parish Hall  
in said Brimfield on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup>  
day of April next it being the third  
Monday of said month at Ten O'clock  
P.M. then & there to act on the following  
Articles

Viz

Article 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to  
preside at said Meeting

" 2<sup>d</sup> To choose all necessary Parish  
Officers for the year ensuing and  
also all Committees and agents the  
business of the Parish may require  
and act thereon

Article 3<sup>rd</sup> To hear the report of the  
Treasurer & act thereon also to  
hear and act upon the report  
of any agents or Committees  
heretofore Chosen

Article 4<sup>th</sup> To see if the Parish will  
Paint their House and make any  
other repairs and act thereon

" 5<sup>th</sup> To raise and appropriate Money  
for the Salary of Pastor  
Support of Singing Payment of  
debts and other Current Expenses  
of the Parish and for Painting and  
such repairs on their House as  
may be voted and determined

Warrant Continued  
What part of the Money raised shall  
be assessed on Slips and what part  
raised by tax or otherwise

Article 6<sup>th</sup> To see if the Parish will  
authorize their Treasurers to  
borrow Money -  
And you are required to serve  
this Warrant by posting up an  
attested Copy of the same at the  
Meeting House seven days at least  
before the time of holding said  
Meeting. Hereof fail not and make  
return of your doing to us at the  
time and place of holding said  
Meeting.  
Given under our hands this six  
day of April A D 1876

J S Blair Prudential  
P F Holding Committee  
E Livermore

A True Copy attest  
Edw Bliss Clerk

Hampden S S

I hereby certify that I have  
served the foregoing Warrant as directed  
Ed Bliss Clerk



At the annual meeting of the Congregational  
Society of Brimfield held April 17<sup>th</sup> under  
minutes of April 6<sup>th</sup> 1876 the following business  
was transacted Meeting called to order  
by the Clerk

Voted for Moderator — N. S. Hubbard

Voted " Clerk — Ewd Bliss

Voted Prudential Committee Emory Livermore

" " " P. F. Spalding

" " " L. D. Lincoln

Voted Treasurer H. F. Brown

Voted Collector J. S. Blair

Voted for assessors N. S. Hubbard

" " " M. Corbin

" " " Wm. H. Sherman

Voted The Society take measures to paint  
their House of worship

Voted The Matter of Painting their House  
be with the Prudential Committee

Voted That the Prudential Committee be  
authorised to make such repairs  
as they deem necessary

Voted There be a Committee of three  
nominated to confer with the  
Pastor in Relation to his Salary and  
renting of the Parsonage  
The following gentlemen were nominated  
and accepted

J. S. Blair  
Dauphin Brown  
Wm. H. Sherman

## Proceedings Continued

Voted The Matter of Singing be left with the Prudential Committee the same as last year

Voted That the Society raise if possible five Hundred Dollars by Subscription between this & the adjourned Meeting

Voted There be a Committee of five to solicit subscriptions  
The following Gentlemen were appointed by the Moderator & accepted

A. L. Converse J. P. Morgan  
J. S. Blair Calaphin Brown  
David W. James

Voted That when this Meeting adjourn it adjourn one week from today at one o'clock April 24<sup>th</sup> P M

Voted That Part of article fifth relating to the raising of Money for the Pastors Salary be passed over to adjourned Meeting

Voted The Treasure be authorized to borrow such sums of money as may be deemed necessary

Voted To adjourn one week from today at one o'clock P M

A True record attest

Ewd Bliss  
Clerk



Proceedings of adjourned Meeting under  
tournament of April 16<sup>th</sup> 1876 Held Apr 24<sup>th</sup> 1876

Meeting Called to order by the Moderator

The Committee nominated to confer with  
the Pastor in relation to his Salary and  
Parsonage report as follows —

That we pay the Rev W. K. Pierce \$1500-  
as salary for one year Mr Pierce is  
to pay the Society \$250- for the Rent  
of Parsonage one year & gives the  
Society the use of the same from  
the first of April until Fall

The Committee for raising money report  
that they have subscriptions amounting  
to \$470 and expect to raise the full amount  
of five Hundred Dollars —

Voted That the raising of money for the  
payment of Pastors salary be the same  
as last year —

Report of the Treasurer read and  
accepted —

Voted There be \$1600- assessed upon the  
Slips for the Current year

Voted That the same Gentlemen serve as  
assessors upon the Slips as acted last year

Mr Spalding declined acting as one  
one of the Prudential Committee

Voted A. L. Converse as Prudential Committee

Voted To adjourn one week from today at one  
oclock P M and for the sale of  
Slips in the upper Room at two oclock P M  
May 1<sup>st</sup>

A True Record attest

Evid Bliss  
Clerk

*L. F. Brown in acct with Rev Parson, Primsfield*  
 1855

Apr 16	To balance Settlement	423.36	
May	" Cash Recd M B Boardman	100 00	
June 16	To Rent as J. Blair Dec 18, 4	13 00	
Nov 6	Rev W. H. Pierce		
	Rent Library Room	25 00	
	" Rent for use Hall	78 50	
	" " J. J. Morgan for Grass	16 00	
	" " Mrs Smiths Rent	38 00	
	" " J. Blair collector	<u>407 53</u>	
	Contra Cr		<u>\$2101.39</u>

Apr 30	By Paid order Rev W. H. Pierce	375.00	
" "	" " Etta Lincoln	21.00	
" "	" " Belle J. Brown	19 00	
" "	" " Paul H. Paige	93 33	
May 10	" " Wm H. Wyles	240 00	
July 16	By Paid order of J. S. Blair	15 00	
" 31	" " Rev W. H. Pierce	211 00	
Aug 20	" " J. Blair Own Supp.	35 00	
Oct 2	" " L. F. Brown for	13 47	
Nov 2	" " Rev W. H. Pierce	375 00	
" 10	" " L. E. Weeks singing	37 50	
" 25	" " J. C. Walker	5.00	
Dec 17	" " E. C. Marshwood	10 00	
1876 Jan 13	" " J. F. Lombard	12 50	49
Feb 1	" " Rev W. H. Pierce	210 00	51
" 28	" " L. E. Weeks	14 44	81
	Transfers to Library acct	20 66	10 90
	Paid Taxes on Parsonage	26 88	21
	" " for Coal	51 80	
	" " for Postage	15	
	" " interest on Money advanced	10 00	
	" " Order for Charcoal	4 20	
	" " C. H. Brewster Blank orders	3 15	
	" " L. C. Fenton		
	Leaving Coal	15 03	
	Balance on hand	<u>283 28</u>	
			<u>\$2101.37</u>



# Liabilities

Due	L E Wicks	18.75
"	Belle L Brown	75.00
"	Livemore & Page	83.33
"	Wm H Wyles	240.00
"	Rev W K Prince	375.00
"	Gas S Blair	15.00
"	Gas J Brown	3.58
"	Er M Hitchcock	1.50
		<u>\$812.16</u>

## Assets

Cash in hands Treasurer	283.28
Rents uncollected	132.04
Balance Amt debt	396.84
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	\$812.16

Dr H F Brown in A/c with Ministerial Fund

1875	July	To Inst on \$500 Brooklyn Water Loan	165.00
1876	Jan	" " " " " "	165.00
			<u>\$330.00</u>
1876	Aug	Contra Cr	
1876	By	Paid on order Rev W K Prince	165.00
1876	July	" " " " " "	165.00
			<u>\$330.00</u>

Dr H F Brown in A/c with Library Fund

1875	Apr 16 <sup>th</sup>	To Balance Settlement	21.36
	"	Transfer from Parish A/c	20.66
			<u>\$42.02</u>
1875		Contra Cr	
1875	June 8 <sup>th</sup>	By paid Expense on Bonds	1.25
"	"	" " " " " "	4.00
Nov 26	"	" " " " " "	36.00
1876	"	" " " " " "	.25
"	"	Expenses on new Bonds	.40
"	"	Postage	.12
			<u>\$42.02</u>

Dr A F Brown in acct with Niles Fund  
1875

May To Balance	23.18
Aug 25 <sup>th</sup> Inst on Coupon Certificate	<u>27.07</u>
	\$50.75

1875 Contra Cr

Aug 25 By Paid postage	13
" " "	06
" Balance new acct	<u>50.56</u>
	\$50.75

Proceedings of Adjourned Meeting under Warrant Apr 6<sup>th</sup> 1876  
Held May 1<sup>st</sup> 1876

Meeting called to order by  
the Moderator  
The Committee on Ships  
Reported & was accepted  
Adjourned to the upper Room for the  
Sale of Ships at 2 o'clock<sup>PM</sup> Ships  
Sold in the usual manner  
Voted to adjourn

Edw Ship Clerk  
A True Record Attest



Warrent for Parish Meeting April 16<sup>th</sup> / 1877

Hampden S.S.

To Edward Bliss Clerk of the  
First Parish or Congregational Society of  
Brimfield

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts you are required to notify &  
warn the Members of said Society who  
are qualified to vote in Parish Affairs  
to assemble at the Parish Hall in

Brimfield on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April  
next it being the third Monday of said  
Month at one O'clock P.M. then and  
there to act on the following Articles

Or

- Article First To Choose a Moderator to preside at  
said Meeting
- " Second To Choose all necessary Parish  
Officers for the year ensuing, and  
also all committees and Agents  
the business of the Parish may require  
and act thereon
- " Third To hear the report of the Treasurer  
and act thereon also to hear and  
act upon the report of any agents  
or Committees heretofore Chosen
- " Fourth To Raise and appropriate Money for  
the Salary of Pastor Support of  
Singing Payment of debts and  
other Current Expenses of the Parish  
and determine what part of the  
Money raised shall be assessed on  
the Ships or otherwise
- " Fifth To see if the Parish will authorize  
their Treasurer to borrow money

And you are required to  
serve this warrent by posting up  
an attested Copy of the same  
at the Meeting four seven  
days at least before the time



of holding said Meeting .. Here of  
fail not and make return of  
your doings to us at the time and  
place of holding said Meeting  
Given under our hands this Seventh  
day of April A D 1877

A. J. Converse Prudential  
E. Livermore  
F. D. Lincoln ) Committee

A True Copy Attest

Ewd Bliss Clerk

At the annual Meeting of the Congregational  
Society of Springfield Held April 16<sup>th</sup> 1877  
the following business was transacted  
Meeting called to order by the Clerk

Voted Moderator J. S. Blair

Voted Clerk Ewd Bliss

Voted Prudential Committee  
J. S. Blair  
J. H. A. Sherman  
Morcos Hitchcock

Voted Treasurer H. F. Brown

Voted Collector J. S. Blair

Voted The election of assessors be passed over

Voted The Report of the Treasurer be passed  
over until an adjourned Meeting

Voted That there be no appropriations made  
until after the Sale of the Ship

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to  
borrow such sums of money as may  
be deemed necessary



Voted That when we adjourn we adjourn to  
meet one week from to day at one O'clock  
(Pm)

Voted That N S Hubbard, J Morgan,  
J D Lincoln be a Committee to  
Confer with the Pastor in Relation  
to his Salary

Voted To assent \$1400 upon the Slips

Voted To adjourn

A True Record Attest

Eud Bliss Clerk

Minutes of Adjourned Meeting held Apr 23<sup>rd</sup>  
under Warrant of Apr 7<sup>th</sup> 1877

Voted The Committee appointed to Confer  
with the Pastor Reported the same  
accepted - That the Rev  
W R Prime will accept as his Salary  
for the year ensuing (\$1100) Eleven  
Hundred Dollars including the  
use of the Parsonage

Voted To adjourn one week from to day  
at one o'clock Pm

A True Record

Eud Bliss  
Clerk

Hampden S.S.

I hereby certify that I served  
the Warrant of Apr 7<sup>th</sup> 1877 as therein directed

Eud Bliss  
Deputy Clerk



Doings of Adjourned Meeting under  
Township of April 7<sup>th</sup> Held Apr 30<sup>th</sup>

- Voted That the Parish allow the Hitchcock High School the use of the upper Room for the Graduation Exercises and the lower room for Exhibition week for the sum of \$10- per year It being understood the Parish are to be at no expense except for lighting & warming the Room.
- Voted That the Report of the Treasur be (Accepted)
- Voted That the Society will pay the Rev W K Pierce as salary at the rate of \$1100- per year and the use of the Parsonage for the year or for such length of time as the means by sale of Stiles or otherwise are assured for that purpose and the other necessary and unavoidable Expenses of the Parish -
- Voted H. F. Brown and any others he may wish to assist him be a Committee to investigate the Condition of the (Society)
- Voted If H Brown be requested to act with the Prudential Committee to investigate the Condition of the Parish Library
- Voted There be a Committee of three to take the general Charge of the Singing & Music Thos J Morgan E W Northwood and E Livermore appointed the Committee
- Voted The Committee on Singing be allowed to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$75-
- Voted Charles Converse and George Sherron act as Cashers
- Voted To Adjourn Ewd Bliss Clerk  
A True Record



Henry F Brown in account with First Parish of Brimfield  
1876

April	To balance settlement	Subscription	283.38
	To Cash Received of J S Blair and	A L Converse	503.77
	To Cash Received of J S Blair Slip Rent 1875		88.25
	" " " A L Converse " 1876		65.00
	" " " J J Warren " " "		20.00
	" " " J S Blair " " "		1109.20
	" " " Delia A Smith Rent Parsonage		137.50
	" " " Towns Individual use of Hall		56.50
1876	Center Cr		
May 6 <sup>th</sup>	By paid order to L E Weeks		18.75
" "	" " " S S Livermore		62.49
" 16	" " " Bell L Brown		75.00
" 27	" " " Rev W K Pierce		375.00
" "	" " " Geo M Hitchcock		1.50
" "	" " " J S Blair		2.50
July 3 <sup>th</sup>	" " " Wm H Wyles		240.00
" 16	" " " Rev M L Richardson		16.00
" "	" " " C M Hyde		20.00
Aug 14	" " " W K Pierce		135.00
Oct 2 <sup>nd</sup>	" " " J F Lombard		21.05
" "	" " " J S Blair		15.00
" "	" " " Rev W K Pierce		300.00
1877 1 <sup>st</sup>	" " " E C Marsh		10.00
" 11 <sup>th</sup>	" " " Rev W K Pierce		135.00
" 20	" " " A G Lamb		5.00
" "	" " " J F Holbrook		27.75
" "	" " " Howlett Charcoal		3.45
	" " " Potter		1.35
	Insurance Continental Co		45.00
	" Actua		34.38
" "	Taxes on Parsonage		17.68
" "	to L A Topham		1.80
" "	" L M Hitchcock		6.71
" "	" Estate B W Page		20.83
" "	" A L Converse upon Parsonage		4.91
" "	" " Hymn Books for Choir		8.00
" "	" C W Bryan & Co		3.00
	Balance to new account		658.15
	A True Copy		\$2265.50
	End Bk's		
	Parish Clerk		



Warrant for Parish Meeting Jan 30<sup>th</sup> 1878

Hampden S.S

To J. S. Blair Collector of the first  
Parish or Congregational Society in Springfield  
Meeting

In the name of the Commonwealth  
of Massachusetts you are hereby directed  
to notify and warn all the Members of  
said Parish who are qualified to vote  
in Parish affairs to meet at the Parish  
Hall in said Springfield on Wednesday the  
Sixth day of Feb 1878 at ten O'clock A.M. there  
and there to act on the following articles

First To Choose a Moderator to preside at  
said Meeting

Second To see what measures the Parish  
will adopt to provide for the  
deficiency from the rental of Ships  
to furnish the necessary means to  
defray the expenses of the Parish for  
the current year at the present  
rate of Expenses

Third To see what action if any the Parish  
will take on account of the  
dissatisfaction said to exist in the  
Parish and Church concerning  
their Pastor

Fourth To Choose all Committees and Agents  
the action of the Parish on the foregoing  
articles may require

and you are directed to serve  
this warrant by posting an attested  
Copy thereof at the Parish Hall -  
seven days at least before the time  
of holding said Meeting

Hereof I do not and make due  
return of this warrant with your  
doings thereon to us at the time  
of holding of holding said Meeting



Given under our hands this 30<sup>th</sup> day of  
January A D 1878

Wm H Sherron  
Marcus Hitchcock Committee

Brimfield Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 1878

This Certifies that I have served the within  
as directed

J S Blair  
Parish Collector

A True Copy attest

Evel Bliss

Parish Clerk —

At a Legal Meeting of the first Congregational  
Society of Brimfield held under the  
foregoing warrant the following business  
was transacted Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 1878

First Meeting called to order by the Clerk  
Second Dea St S Hubbard Chosen Moderator

Third Voted The second article in the  
warrant be passed over

Fourth The following vote was passed by a  
yea and nay vote

Whereas differences have arisen  
and exist in the Parish and Church  
in regard to our Pastor Rev W K Pierce  
to an extent that materially affects his  
usefulness with us as a Religious  
Teacher and whereas by the terms of  
his settlement over this Parish it is  
provided that either party may  
terminate the connection by giving  
six months notice thereof  
Resolved

That it is expedient and  
advisable for the Parish to

terminate the Connection in accordance  
with the aforesaid provision

E. B. Brown	Y	A. L. Converse	N
James S. Blair	Y	Heremiah Perry	N
Dauphin Brown	Y	T. J. Morgan	N
Moreus Hitchcock	Y	P. F. Spalding	N
Heah Corbin	Y	A. Wheeler	N
Mr. H. Corbin	Y	Ewd Bliss	N
N. S. Hubbard	Y	E. Livermore	N
H. F. Brown	Y	F. D. Lincoln	N
J. J. Brown	Y	E. W. Norwood	N
Wm. H. Sherman	Y		
D. L. Griggs	Y		

Fifth Voted " That a committee of three  
be chosen to inform the Rev  
W. K. Pierce of the action this day  
also of the desire of the Parish  
to terminate his Connection  
therewith in accordance with the  
same

H. F. Brown  
Dea Dauphin Brown  
Wm. H. Sherman  
were appointed as the Committee

Sixth Voted " On Motion F. D. Lincoln  
I move as sense of this Meeting  
that the persons whose names  
have been presented by T. J. Morgan  
or any part of the same shall be  
accepted as Members of this  
Society whenever they shall file  
a petition for the same in  
accordance with the rules of  
the Society. This Voted <sup>did not</sup> pass

Seventh Voted To adjourn

A True Record Attest

Ewd Bliss  
Parish Clerk



Warrent for Parish Meeting. April 15<sup>th</sup> 1878

Hampden SS

To J S Blair Collector of the first Parish or Congregational Society in Springfield

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn all the members of said Parish who are qualified to vote in Parish affairs to meet at the Parish Hall in said Springfield on Monday the fifteenth day of Apr Instant it being the third Monday of said month at ten o'clock A.M. there to act on the following articles

First To Choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting

Second To Choose all necessary officers for the year ensuing

Third To hear the report of the Treasurer on the Financial Condition of the Society

Fourth To hear reports of all Committees heretofore Chosen and act thereon

Fifth To see what sums of money the Parish will appropriate for the current Expenses of the year and what way they will raise the same

Sixth To see if the Society will authorize the Treasurer borrow money to pay Expenses of the Society

Seventh To Choose any agents and Committees deemed necessary and transact any other business that may properly come before said Meeting

And you <sup>are</sup> requested to serve this  
warrant by posting up an attested  
copy of the same at the Meeting House  
seven days at least before the time  
for holding said Meeting

Hereof fail not and make due  
return of this Warrant with your  
doings thereon to us at the time  
of holding said Meeting  
Given under our hands this Sixth  
day of April A D 1878

Wm. H. Sherman Prudential  
Moses Hitchcock Committee

This is to certify that I have Posted a  
Copy of the within Warrant as directed

James S. Blair  
Parish Collector

A True Copy Attest

Ewd Bliss  
Parish Clerk



Meeting of the Parish under the foregoing  
Warrant held April 15<sup>th</sup> 1878

Meeting called to order and Warrant read  
by the Clerk

Voted Moderator Dea A S Hubbard

Voted Clerk Ewd Bliss  
and Sworn By H F Brown  
Justice of the Peace

Voted Prudential Committee  
A. S. Hubbard, H. F. Brown, D. H. Spalding

Voted Treasurer H F Brown

Voted Collector Wm H Sherman

Voted The Election of assessors be papered  
(over)

Voted That the Prudential Committee be  
authorized to expend a sum not  
to exceed \$75 for Music

Voted The Report of the Treasurer read  
The same be accepted & adopted

Voted To assess \$1600 upon the Ships  
Provided. That the Prudential  
Committee in renting the Ships  
for the current year be instructed  
to rent them upon the condition  
that any person may terminate  
his rental by giving notice  
to the Prudential Committee of  
his wish so to do and paying  
pro rata for the time he occupies  
the Ship



Voted That the Clerk be directed <sup>to</sup> transmit to the Church connected with this Parish an attested Copy of the votes passed at a Parish Meeting held Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 1878, in relation to terminating the connection of Rev W K Pierce with the Parish as its Pastor

Voted The Committee appointed to inform the Pastor of the Church of the vote of the Society Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 1878 in relation to terminating his connection therewith reported they had discharged the duties assigned them the Report accepted & the committee discharged

Voted That the income from the Ministerial Fund be appropriated to defray the expense of supplying the desk, also

That the amount derived from the rental of the Slips be appropriated for that purpose and to defray the current expenses of the Parish

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow such sums of money as may be needed to defray the necessary expenses of the Parish

Voted That when this meeting adjourn it adjourn to meet two weeks from today at one o'clock P M

Voted That Henry F. Brown Thos J. Morgan and E. W. Norwood be a committee to take legal counsel upon the questions what are the respective rights of the church and Parish, also, any other questions they consider involved in the present condition of the Church and Parish



Voted To adjourn

A True Record Attest

E. J. Ship  
Parish Clerk

Doings of Adjourned Meeting held  
Apr 29<sup>th</sup> 1878 under warrant of Apr 6<sup>th</sup>

Meeting called to order by the Moderator

Voted The Committee appointed to take  
Legal Counsel in Relation to  
the Respective Rights of the  
Church & Society Reported  
the same accepted

To Messrs H. F. Brown Thomas J. Morgan  
and E. W. Norwood Committee of the  
First Congregational Society or Parish in  
Brimfield.

Gentlemen

In answer to num-  
erous legal questions which you stated  
to us a few days since and in regard  
to which you desired our opinion  
we have to say that after a full and  
careful consideration of the subject  
have arrived at the following result

Substantially all the  
questions or all the important ones  
resolve themselves into one namely  
which body owns and is  
entitled in law to the control of the  
Meeting House the Church or the Parish

To this question we an-  
swer that the law is well settled  
that the Parish and not the church  
owns the meeting house and has  
the control of it and may regulate  
the use of it. The right of the  
Minister to occupy the pulpit is



derived from, and dependent upon,  
the action of the Parish.

Independently of the Parish the Church  
cannot settle a Minister or give him  
the right to use the pulpit.

Our attention was specially called by  
your Committee to Gen Statutes Chap  
30 Sect. 3. which provides that the  
respective Churches connected & associated  
in public worship with the religious  
societies shall have all of their  
accustomed privileges and liberties  
respecting divine worship, Church  
order, and discipline and shall be  
encouraged in the peaceable, <sup>and</sup> regular  
enjoyment and practice thereof: and  
some of the Committee claimed that  
this section was intended to secure  
to the Church an equal right with  
the Parish, in the settlement and  
dismissal of the Minister and in the  
uncontrolled use of the Meeting House for  
public worship which the Church had  
enjoyed by long usage.

of this Chapter. The first section  
organizes the religious  
societies of the Commonwealth into  
bodies corporate.

The second section  
preserves to the Religious Societies  
and Parishes the privileges and  
immunities which they had previously  
possessed.

The third section preserves  
to the Churches of these respective  
societies their established rights.

The second and third sections do  
not define the rights of the Parish  
and Church, but simply preserve  
to each body such rights as they  
possessed.

In order to determine what  
these respective rights are which



the legislature carefully guarded it is necessary to understand the purposes of the Church organization as determined by usage and judicial decisions and the relation of the Church, or spiritual organization to the Parish or lay Corporation

The Church as distinguished from the Parish may be defined to be a body of Persons set apart from the rest of the Society, for peculiar religious observances, for the celebration of the Lords Supper and for mutual edification.

The earliest statutes of the Colony recognize the Churches not as a Corporation or even as a quasi Corporation, but such an aggregate body of Christians in each religious Society. Collected together and united by Covenant and usage recognised by law and the Statute provides that their rights and usages shall be respected, and that they shall be recognised in the exercise and Maintenance of the same

Weld vs May 9 Cash 115

We do not understand that the Congregational Church has any legal existence separate from the Parish, but that each Church is an association within each Parish, by which the religious ordinances are observed and by which generally the charities of the Society are administered

The Religious Society which includes the Parish is the Corporation with the general powers and duties of a Corporation among these is the power to hold and transmit property and to make contracts the title and ownership of



The Meeting house is in this Corporation. It alone has power to make contracts for the settlement of the Minister and the payment of his salary and in general to do and perform those things which relate to the material interest of the Parish

The purpose therefore of Section 2 and 3 of Chap 30<sup>th</sup> of the General Statutes, was simply to declare, that the rights of the Parish and Church as distinguished from each other, and as they had existed in the Commonwealth from the beginning of our history, should be preserved and that the Parish should so exercise its rights, as to encourage the Church in the peaceable and regular enjoyment of divine worship  
Church order and discipline

April 25<sup>th</sup>/1878

Henry Morris  
A A Lemair

Voted That the Meeting be dissolved

A True Record attest  
Ewd Phelps  
Clerk



H. F. Brown in acct with the First  
 Parish of Brimfield Dr  
 1877

	To balance	6 58.15
	" Cash Received of Jos S Blair	1 43.58
	Ship. Rent 1876 & previous years	
	To Cash Received of Jos S Blair Subscription	9.00
	" " " " " " Slip Rent	
	1877	10 47.32
Nov	" " Town for use of Hall	50.00
	" " Recd. of individuals for use of Hall	13.00
	To Cash Recd. for brick sold	1.00
	" " Recd. of Mrs D. A. Smith	100.00
	Rent to Nov 1 <sup>st</sup>	
Aug 11 <sup>th</sup>	To Cash Received of Capt D Shaw	250.00
Apr 15 <sup>th</sup>	" " " " " " Jos S Blair	30.00
		<u>\$ 2322.05</u>

### Liabilities

Due	Rev. W. K. Prime May 1 <sup>st</sup>	275.00
"	for Rent of Parsonage	240.00
"	D. Shaw & Son Note & Int	260.00
"	A. G. Lamb	18.75
"	Mrs. M. B. Smith	27.00
"	J. S. Blair	12.00
		<u>\$ 832.75</u>

### Assets

Cash in hands of Treasurer	481.70
Ship. Rent uncollected	134.58
balance Due	17.47

# Henry F Brown Treasurer in acct with The First Parish of Springfield Cr

1877

May 1	Paid order	Pell I Brown	75.00
" "	"	S S Livermore	86.20
" "	"	H M Gorham	15.50
" 5 <sup>th</sup>	"	Rev W K Pierce	350.00
June 13	"	J H Holbrook	21.82
" 28	"	Warren H Draper	12.20
" 16	"	John M Walker	9.55
July 7	"	Rev W K Pierce	
" 23	"	for Rent Parsonage	87.50
" "	"	J S Blair vacation supply	44.00
Aug 1	"	bal over Ministerial Fund	
" "	"	Rev W K Pierce	110.00
" 15	"	order A G Lamb	18.75
Sept 1	"	Tax on Parsonage	18.38
" 5	"	M B Blake Rent on Parsonage	240.00
Nov 7	"	order Rev W K Pierce	275.00
" "	"	Gas S Blair Collecting	15.00
Dec "	"	" " " Repair on Parsonage	7.67
" "	"	" " " Chimnies at Church do	27.54
Feb 1878	"	order A G Lamb	37.50
" 8	"	bal order Rev W K Pierce	110.00
April 13	"	G M Hitchcock	2.67
" "	"	J T Brown	5.84
" "	"	Rev W K Pierce Rent to Nov 1	50.00
" "	"	Postage	.25
" 15	"	order Edward Bliss for Wood	20.00



Hampden SS

To Edward Bliss Clerk of the first  
Parish or Congregational Society of Springfield  
Greeting!

In the name of the Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts you are required to notify  
and warn the Members of said Society  
who are qualified to vote in Parish  
affairs to meet at the Parish Hall in  
Springfield on Saturday the third day  
of August next at two o'clock P.M.  
then and there to act on the following  
articles

Art 1 To Choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting

Art 2 To hear and act upon a petition to the  
Prudential Committee of the Parish by  
certain persons to lease a part of the  
Church for purpose of holding  
Religious Meetings

Art 3  
To hear and act upon the report of the  
Prudential Committee and Choose  
all Agents and Committees the business  
of the Parish may require  
And you are directed to serve this  
this warrant by posting up an attested  
copy of the same at the Meeting  
House seven days at least before  
the time of holding said Meeting

Thereof fail not and make return of  
this warrant with your doings  
thereon to us at the time and place  
of Meeting. Given under our hands  
this twenty sixth day of July A.D. 1878

Newton S Hubbard } Prudential  
Henry F. Brown } Committee  
D. F. Spaulding }

Attested Copy

Edw Bliss  
Clerk

Therby Certify that I served the  
within warrant as directed E Bliss



Doings of Meeting held Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> 1878  
Under Warrant of July 24 of said year

Meeting called to order by the Clerk  
and Warrant Read -

~~Vote~~ Moderator Dr. N. S. Hubbard  
Petition  
To the Prudential Committee of the  
First Congregational Society of  
Brimfield

Gentlemen  
as the Church and Community are  
desirous of retaining Rev W. H. Pierce  
as Pastor and as his salary has been  
already pledged we would ask the  
privilege of worshipping in some  
part of the Church building either  
the upper or lower Room such as you  
see fit to rent for one year from  
August 9<sup>th</sup> 1878

Brimfield July 25<sup>th</sup> 1878

Committee  
N. M. Goodall on the part of  
Geor. M. Hitchcock } Subscribers

~~Vote~~ That it is not expedient to lease a part  
of the Church as petitioned for

~~Vote~~ To the First Parish or Congregational Society  
of Brimfield

The undersigned Respectfully  
report that they have been informed by  
one of the Administrators of the Estate of  
Wm. H. Wyles that the Administrator  
aforesaid might wish to terminate  
the contract of said Wm. H. Wyles with  
the Parish for the premises rented for  
a parsonage, and would recommend  
the Parish to take action upon the  
matter

Submitted by Prudential  
Newton S. Hubbard H. F. Brown Committee  
Brimfield D. H. Spaulding  
Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> 1878



Voted That the Prudential Committee are  
authorized to terminate the contract  
with the Wyles Estate

Voted To adjourn ---

A True Record attest

Edw Plip  
Clerk

Hampden SS

To Edward Plip Clerk  
of the First Parish or Congregational Society  
in Springfield Greeting  
In the name of the Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts you are directed to notify  
and warn the members of said Society  
who are qualified to vote in Parish  
affairs to meet at the Parish Hall in said  
Springfield on Thursday the seventeenth  
day of October Inst at one o'clock P.M.  
there and then to act on the following  
articles Or

Art 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting

Art 2<sup>nd</sup> To hear and act upon the request of Rev  
W H Pierce, asking that the Society unite  
with him and the First Congregational  
Church in calling an Ecclesiastical  
Council that his pastoral relation  
may be dissolved in accordance with  
the forms and usages of our denomination  
if by said Council judged expedient and  
proper

Art 3<sup>rd</sup> To hear and act upon the report of  
the Prudential Committee and any  
other Committees or agents heretofore chosen

Art 4<sup>th</sup> To choose any committees or agents  
the business of the Society may require.

And you are directed serve this

Warrant by posting an attested Copy  
thereof to the Parish Hall seven days  
at least before the time for holding  
said Meeting

Thereof fail not and  
make due return of this warrant with  
your doings thereon to us on or before  
the time of holding said Meeting

Thereof fail not  
and make due return of this warrant  
with your doings thereon to us on or before  
the time of holding said Meeting

Given under our hands this tenth day of  
October in the year A D One Thousand  
Eight Hundred and seventy eight

Newton S Hubbard }  
Henry F Brown } Prudential  
D H Spaulding } Committee

Hampden SS

Springfield Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 1878

I hereby Certify that I have served this  
Warrant as therein directed  
A true Copy attest

Ewd Ship  
Parish Clerk



Meeting of the Society under the foregoing  
Warrant held October 17<sup>th</sup> 1878

Meeting called to order by the Clerk

Voted Moderator Geo N S Hubbard

Voted That the following preamble be accepted

Whereas Rev W K Pierce was duly installed  
as Pastor over this Parish and the Church  
connected therewith on April 30<sup>th</sup> 1874  
upon the condition that either party might  
terminate the connection by giving six  
months notice to that effect  
And whereas the Parish on the 6<sup>th</sup> day  
of February last voted to terminate their  
connection with the said Rev W K Pierce  
as Pastor in accordance with the  
conditions of his settlement of which  
vote he was duly notified, and at the  
expiration of the six months notice viz  
on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of August last the connec-  
tion of the Rev W K Pierce with this  
Parish and Church was duly terminated  
He thereby ceasing to be the Pastor of this  
Parish and Church connected therewith  
And he has since as we are informed  
and believe contracted with and does  
act as the Pastor of a congregation other  
than the one of this Parish or the Church  
connected therewith

And whereas the  
Rev W K Pierce on the 5<sup>th</sup> of October Inst  
asked the Parish to unite with him and  
the Church in calling an Ecclesiastical  
Council that his pastoral relation may  
be duly dissolved in accordance with  
the forms and usages of our denomination  
if by said Council judged expedient and  
proper

Also the said Rev W K Pierce on  
the 5<sup>th</sup> day of October Inst transmitted to



the Church connected with this Parish  
his resignation as their Pastor and asked  
them to unite in calling a Mutual Council  
for the purpose above intended -  
And whereas in view of all the fore-  
going the Parish are unable to see  
or recognize any relation or connection  
either civil or ecclesiastical as now  
existing between the Parish or Church  
connected therewith and their late Pastor  
Rev W K Pierce. Yet not wishing to deprive  
him of any advantages of a regular  
dismissal if by said Council  
judged expedient and proper  
Therefore  
in courtesy to him and in deference  
to Congregational usage

Voted To choose a committee of three  
who are hereby authorized in  
behalf of the Parish to unite  
with the Church and Rev W K Pierce  
in calling a Council for the  
above purpose

Voted That Henry F Brown Jas I Blair  
Newton S Hubbard be the Committee  
of this Parish to unite with the  
Church and Rev W K Pierce for  
the purpose mentioned in the  
foregoing vote

Voted That the Prudential Committee be  
authorized to procure a New  
Record Book

Voted To Adjourn

Attest

Ewd Bliss Clerk



Copy of letter from Rev W K Pierce

To the First Congregational Society in  
Brimfield

I hereby ask the Society to  
unite with me and the First Congregational  
Church in Colling<sup>ton</sup> Ecclesiastical Council  
that my pastoral relation may be  
dissolved in accordance with the  
forms & usages of our denomination  
if by said Council judged expedient  
and proper

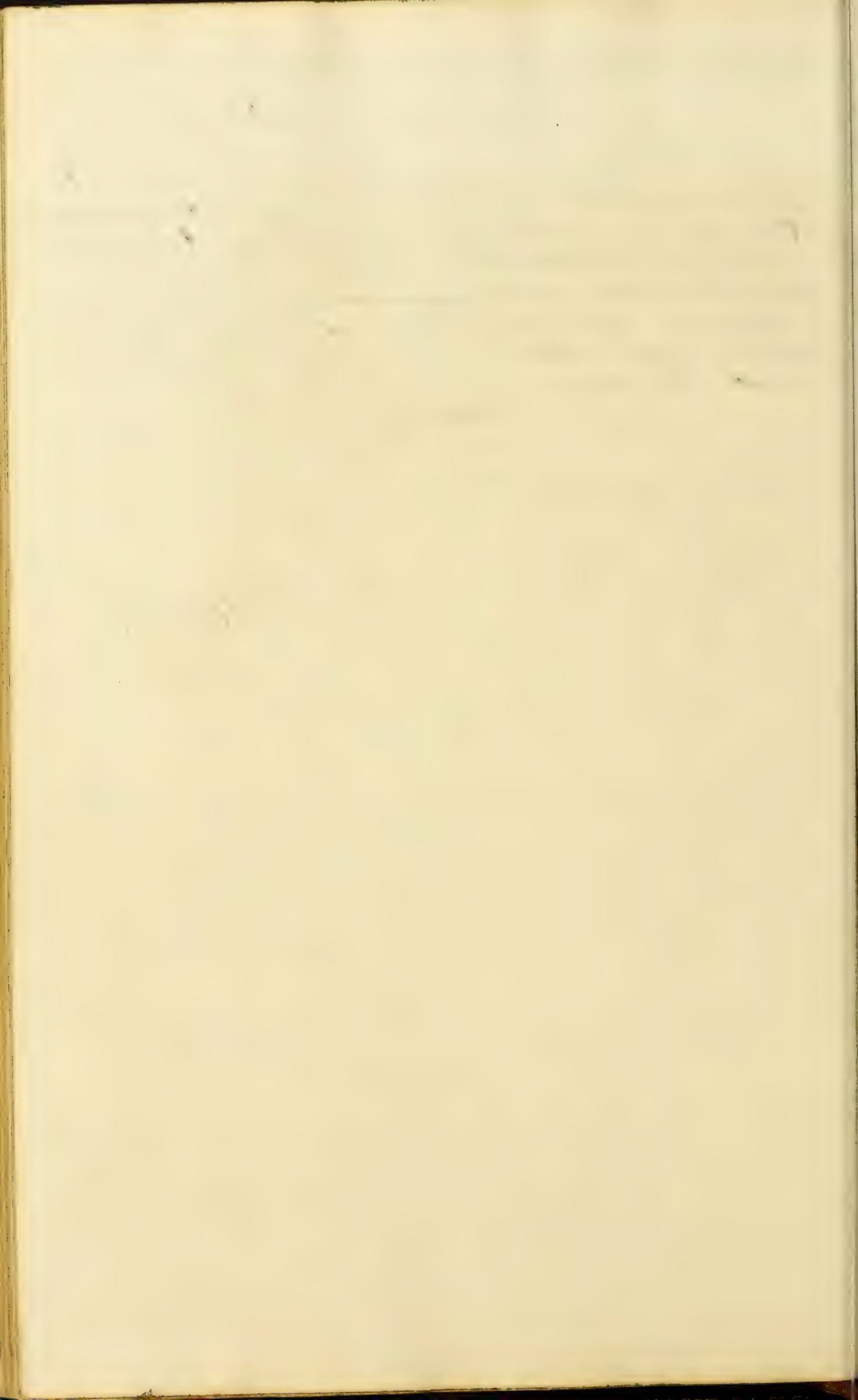
Respectfully Yours

W K Pierce

Brimfield Oct 5<sup>th</sup> / 1878

A True Copy

Ewd Ship Clerk

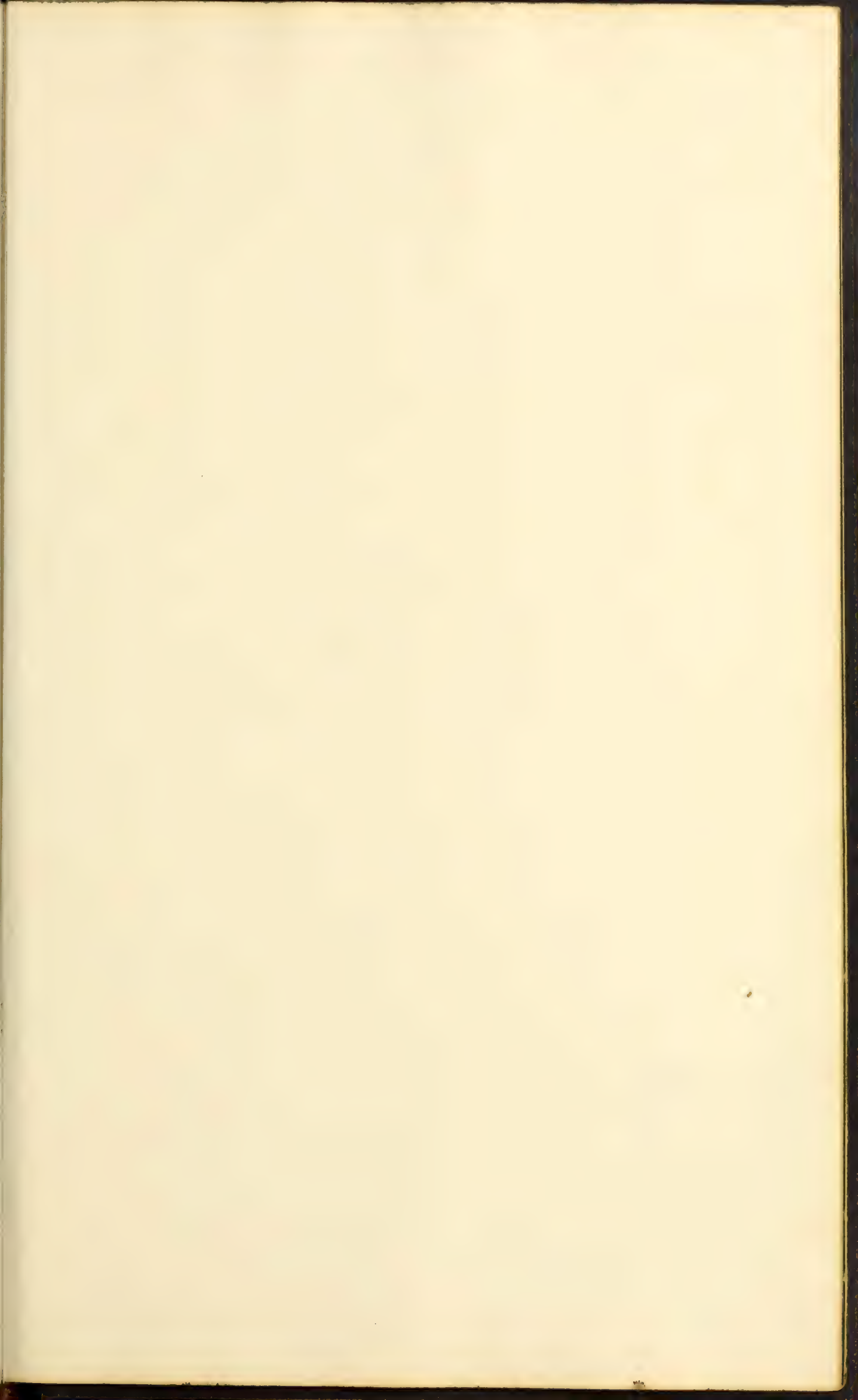














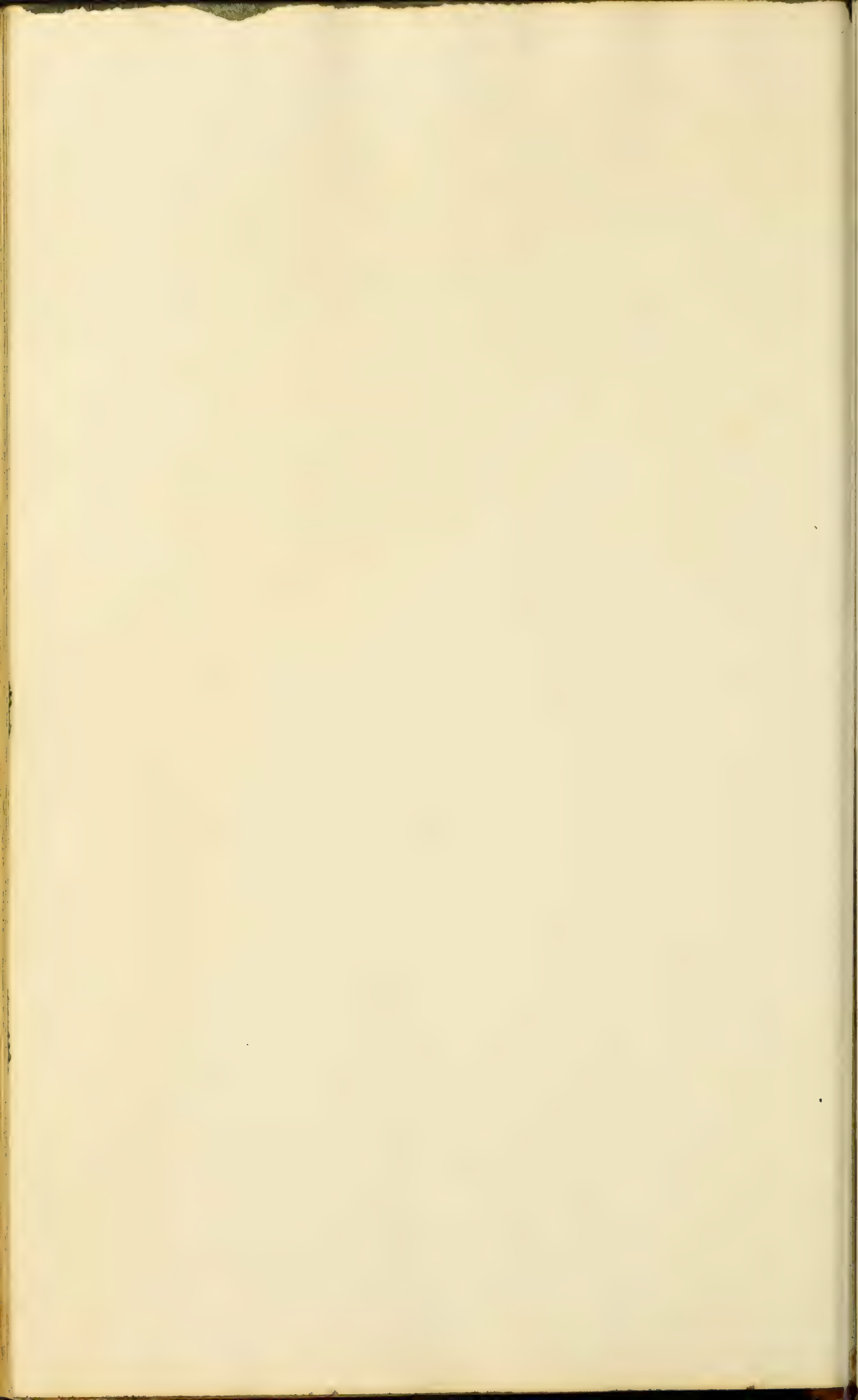




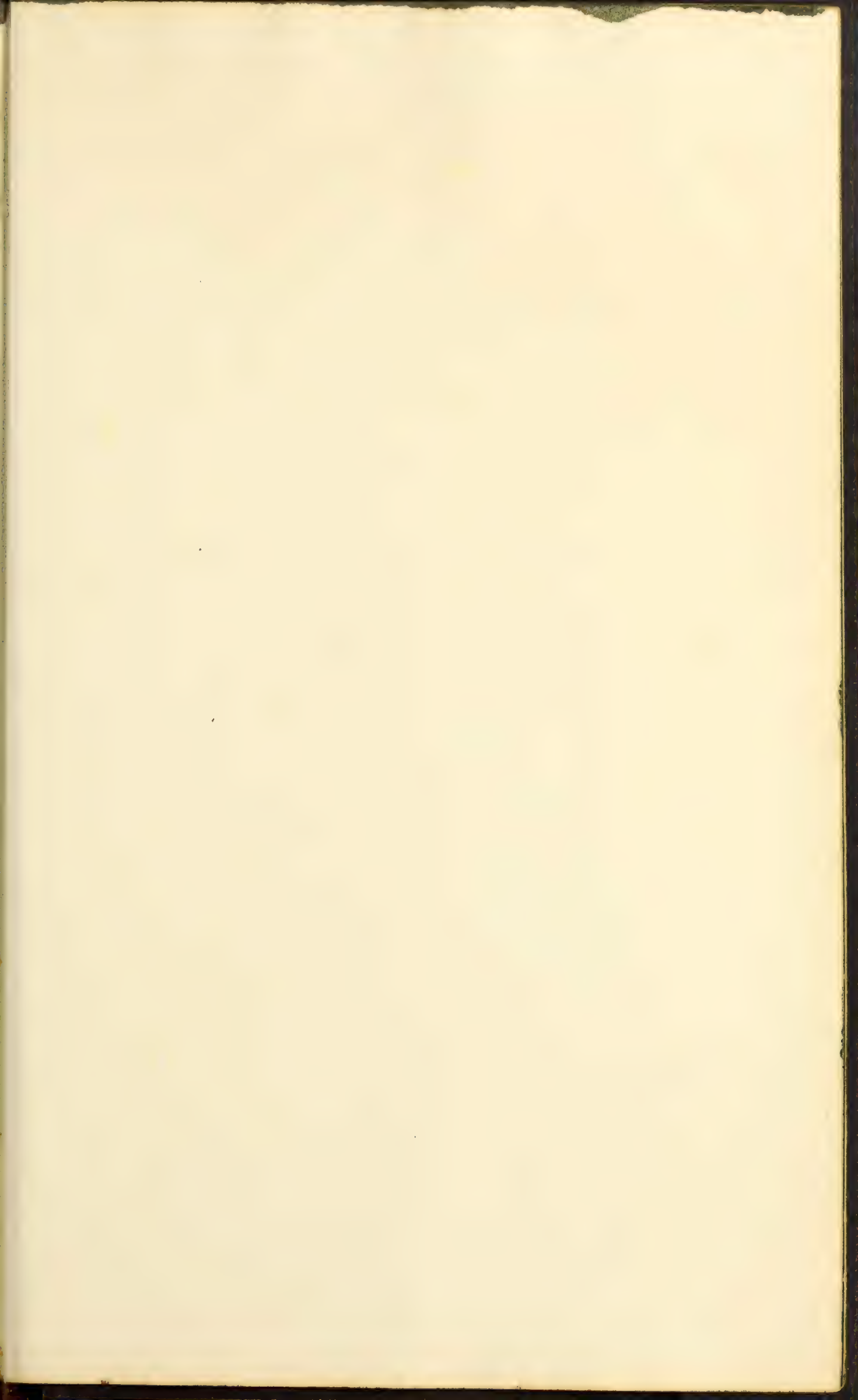












Bringingfield Apr 15<sup>th</sup> / 1878

To the Clerk of the Congregational Society  
of Bringingfield

We the undersigned hereby  
withdraw ourselves from all connection  
with the above named Society and  
desire that our names be erased  
from its lists of members

Thos J Morgan

F D Lincoln

A True Copy attest

E Philip Clerk

Bringingfield May 2<sup>nd</sup> / 1878

To the Clerk of the First Congregational  
Society

Bringingfield

This is to Certify that I wish to sever  
my connection with said Society  
and I request that my name be  
taken from its list of members.

A L Converse

A True Copy attest

E Philip Clerk

Bringingfield May 2<sup>nd</sup> / 1878

To the Clerk of the Congregational Society  
Bringingfield. This is to Certify that  
I wish to sever my connection with  
the above mentioned Society and I  
request that my name be taken from  
its list of members

Augustus Wheeler

A True Copy attest

E Philip Clerk



Brinfield May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1878

To the Clerk of the first Congregational Society  
Brinfield

This is to Certify that I wish  
to withdraw from said Society and I  
request that my name be taken from  
its list of Members

Heretish Perry

A True Copy attest

E. Bliss

Parish Clerk

Brinfield May 7<sup>th</sup> 1878

To the Clerk of the First Congregational  
Society this is to certify that I  
shall not consider myself a  
member or have anything to say  
or do with that Society after  
this date

Emory Liversmore

A True Copy attest

E. Bliss

Parish Clerk

To the Clerk of the First Parish or  
Congregational Society in Springfield  
I hereby certify that I request my name  
checked from your Book as I shall  
consider myself a member of said  
Society no longer  
Springfield May 1<sup>st</sup> 1875  
A true copy attest  
Elijah Allen  
Evd Bliss Clerk

To Edward Bliss Clerk of the First  
Congregational Society in Springfield  
I hereby certify that I request my  
name be taken from your Book  
as I shall no longer consider  
myself a member of said Society  
John Wyles  
May 19<sup>th</sup> 1875  
A True Copy attest  
Evd Bliss Clerk

Southbridge Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 1876

To Mr Edward Bliss  
Parish Clerk  
Please withdraw my name from the  
Society as I am not a citizen of  
Springfield and oblige  
E. B. Weld

A True Copy attest  
Evd Bliss  
Clerk



To the Clerk of First Congregational  
Society in Brimfield I hereby request  
that my name be erased as a member  
of said Society

Geor M Hitchcock

Brimfield Apr 22<sup>nd</sup> / 875

Ewd Bliss  
Clerk

A True Copy attest

Brimfield May 1<sup>st</sup> / 875

To the Clerk of the first Congregational  
Society in Brimfield At my request  
it is my desire that you would  
erase my name from the said Society

yours truly  
A M Goodale

A True Copy attest

Ewd Bliss  
Clerk

To the Clerk of the first Congregational  
Society in Brimfield As it is not  
possible for me to attend the meetings  
of said Society & participate in voting  
I do not think it right that I shall  
be bound by the Society's doings in  
which I have no vote - I therefore  
request that my name be stricken  
from the roll as a member of said  
Society

G. F. Chamberlain

Brimfield May 4<sup>th</sup> / 875

E. Bliss  
Clerk

A True Copy attest

Brimfield April 13 1872

To the Clerk of the first Congregational  
Society

I wish to certify that I wish to  
withdraw the name of me as a member from  
said Society

Lucius C. Fenton

William H. Sherman Clerk

To the Clerk of the Congregational Society  
of Brimfield and Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts

You are hereby notified that the  
undersigned heretofore members of said  
Society do now declare our membership  
dissolved that we are no longer  
members thereof and shall not be liable  
for any grant or contract hereafter  
made or entered into by said Society  
dated at Brimfield this twenty  
third day of April in the year of our  
Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and seventy two

David W. Jones

William H. Sherman Clerk

To the Clerk of the Congregational Society of  
Brimfield in the County of Hampshire and  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

You are hereby notified that the undersigned  
heretofore members of said Society do now  
declare our membership dissolved  
that we are no longer members thereof and shall  
not be liable for any grant or contract here  
after made or entered into by said Society  
dated at Brimfield this twenty third day of  
April in the year of our Lord one  
thousand eight hundred and seventy two

Samuel H. Brown

William H. Sherman Clerk



Brimfield April 29 1872

Dear Mr. Sherman Clerk of the Brimfield  
Cong. Society of Brimfield  
It is to certify that I do not wish  
to remain a member of said Society  
and desire my name to be stricken  
from the list

A. J. Grant

William H. Sherman Clerk

To the Secretary of First Cong Church  
Society in Brimfield

Dear Sir

As it is my purpose to remove  
very soon from Brimfield to another town I  
would ask that my connection as a member of  
this Society should cease.

You will therefore please give notice of my  
withdrawal and so that my name is stricken  
from the list of members

Very respectfully

John W. Lawrence

Brimfield Mass

2<sup>nd</sup> Oct. 1872

A true copy

Received Oct 26<sup>th</sup> 1872

William H. Sherman Clerk

Brimfield Jan 11<sup>th</sup> 1868

To Elijah Allen Clerk of the first  
Congregational Society of Brimfield

I hereby certify that I hereby withdraw  
my membership from said Society

E. L. Snow

A true copy attest Elijah Allen Clerk

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To the Clerk of the Society Brimfield

Sir I do hereby withdraw my membership  
from this Society

Edward W. Hitchcock

a true copy attest

Elijah Allen Clerk

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To the Secretary of the Congregational  
Society of Brimfield

This may certify that I shall  
no longer be a member of  
said Society

Harry Jones

Brimfield April 23<sup>d</sup> 1869

A true copy Attest

Geo. M. Hitchcock, Clerk

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East Brimfield Apr. 24<sup>th</sup> 1869

I being a member of the first  
Congregational Society of Brimfield have  
decided to be a member of that Society  
no longer. And desire to have my  
name withdrawn

Jonathan Emerson

A true copy. Attest

Geo. M. Hitchcock, Clerk



Brimfield March 11. 1871

To Geo. M. Hitchcock  
Secretary of the Brimfield  
Congregational Society  
Sir, As I am intending  
to leave town I hereby request my name  
to be stricken from the list of  
membership of the above named  
Society  
Very respectfully Yours

G. F. Brown  
A true copy Attest G. M. Hitchcock Clerk

Brimfield Apr 15. 1872  
To the Clerk of the First Congregational  
Society This is to certify that I wish to  
withdraw my name as a member from  
said Society in this place  
A true copy Attest J. M. Morgan  
G. M. Hitchcock Clerk

To the Clerk of the First Parish  
or Congregational Society of Brimfield  
This is to certify that I  
hereby withdraw from said Society and  
shall not hereafter consider myself a  
member of the Society.  
Samuel Parker  
Brimfield April 17<sup>th</sup> 1872  
William H. Sherman Clerk

Brimfield April 13. 1872  
To the Clerk of the Congregational Society  
in Brimfield Sir  
On receipt of this you will  
can consider me no longer a member  
of your Society  
Samuel W. Brown

William H. Sherman Clerk

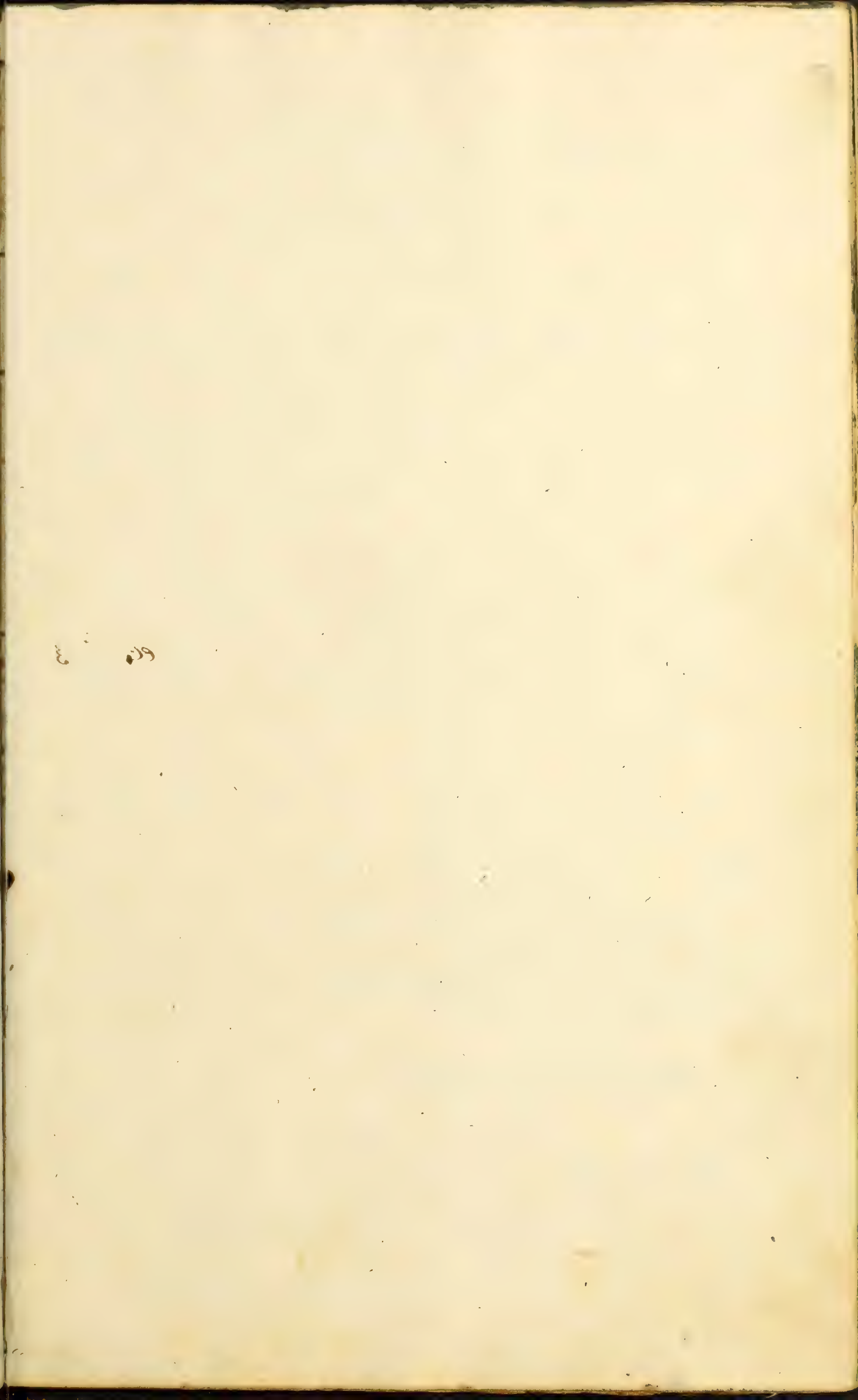
A list of the members of the first Unitarian  
or Conversational Society, Birm., held April 1862

\* Elijah Allen  
 \* Cyril A. Brown  
 James G. Blair  
 John W. Browning  
 \* Parkin Brown  
 \* Henry B. Brown  
 James S. Brown  
 Samuel W. Brown  
 \* Aaron Bliss  
 \* Alfred L. Converse  
 \* George F. Chamberlain  
 \* Jonathan Emerson  
 \* H Ezekiah Ferry  
 \* Lucius C. Fenton  
 \* Harvey C. Gregg  
 \* Nathan M. Goodale  
 \* Alfred Homer  
 \* George C. Homer  
 \* Samuel A. Hitchcock  
 Marcus Hitchcock  
 \* Abner Hitchcock  
 \* Alfred Hitchcock  
 \* Solomon Homer  
 \* Thomas Hubbard  
 \* Andrew S. Hubbard  
 \* Hoin James  
 \* Harvey James  
 \* Harby Lombard  
 \* Alfred Lombard  
 \* Emery Livermore  
 \* John M. Morgan  
 Thomas J. Morgan  
 \* George Ruffel  
 \* Pentiel Parker  
 \* John Rounty  
 \* Paul W. Paige  
 \* Cheney Solander  
 \* Orson Sumner  
 \* Parisus Shaw  
 \* Benjamin Sherman

\* William J. Sherman  
 \* Pliny F. Spaulding  
 \* Elijah Tarbell  
 \* Joshua Upham  
 \* Lyman Upham  
 \* John Wiles  
 \* John H. Warren  
 \* James J. Warren  
 \* Calvin H. Ward  
 \* Joseph L. Woods  
 \* Augustus Wheeler  
 \* Wilson Homer  
 \* Jonathan Brown  
 \* Elias L. Snow  
 \* M. J.

\* Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 3  
 \* Chas M. Hyde Dec 25 1863  
 \* Geo M. Hitchcock Aug 25 1864  
 Edward Bliss " 1866  
 \* Elisha Hyde " "  
 \* Saml H. Brown. " "  
 \* E. W. Hitchcock " "  
 \* Geo F. Brown " "  
 \* E. B. Weld. Apr 25 1870  
 \* John W. Lawrence May 25 1870  
 \* E. Livermore " " "  
 \* F. U. Webster " " "  
 \* A. S. Proctor Oct 17 1870  
 \* Healy Corbin " " "  
 \* Wm H. Sherman " " "  
 \* Dan L. Griggs " " "  
 \* F. D. Lincoln " " "  
 \* M. H. Corbin " " "  
 \* C. W. Arnold May 17 1871  
 \* L. A. Cutler July 4<sup>th</sup> 1871





From the records of the First Parish of  
Brimfield in 1864.

In filing a written certificate

of application

to the First Parish of 1863

I hereby certify that I am no longer a member of  
the first congregational Society of this Town,

Attest Elvia Lewis  
A true copy Attest R. M. Goodale Parish Clerk

Brimfield Feb 23rd 1864

To the Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational  
Society for Religious Worship in Brimfield,

with

I hereby give notice that my connection with  
said Parish is hereby dissolved, and I shall not  
consider myself a member from and after  
this date

Yours &c Alfred Lombard  
Attest R. M. Goodale Parish Clerk

Brimfield Jan 21, 1864

To the Society of the First Congregational Society  
of Brimfield, you are hereby notified that I am  
no longer a member of your Society

Nathan Bliss  
A true copy Attest R. M. Goodale Parish Clerk

Brimfield April 4th 1864

That whereas the undersigned has heretofore been a Member of  
said Society this is to give notice that the connection existing  
between us is dissolved from and after this date.

Amos J. Sheeman



To the Clerk of the First Congregational  
Society of Brimfield

I hereby notify you that it  
is my wish and will to dissolve my membership  
with the above named Society, and that I  
shall not be liable for any grant or contract  
from and after date

Brimfield Dec 30<sup>th</sup> 1864

Jonathan Brown  
a true copy attest Elijah Allen Parish Clerk.

To Elijah Allen Clerk of the first Congregational  
Society in Brimfield

I hereby certify that I this day withdraw  
my membership from said Society.

Brimfield Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> 1865.

Calvin M. Ward.  
a true copy attest Elijah Allen Parish Clerk

To Elijah Allen Clerk of the first Congregation-  
al Society in Brimfield

I hereby certify that I this day withdraw  
my membership from said Society

Brimfield Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> 1865

J. W. Browning  
a true copy, Elijah Allen Parish Clerk

To Elijah Allen Clerk of the First Parish  
or Congregational Society in Brimfield  
This is to certify that I wish my membership  
with said Society this day dissolved.

Yours truly,

Solomon Horner  
Brimfield March 31<sup>st</sup> 1866.

A true copy attest

Elijah Allen Clerk

Brimfield April 21<sup>st</sup> 1867.

To the Clerk of the First Congregational Society.

Please erase my name from the list of members of said Society,  
as I wish not to be considered a member after this date on  
account of leaving town. Harvey D. Griggs.

A true copy attest Elijah Allen Parish Clerk.

List of Persons who have applied and  
been admitted as members of the  
First Parish of Brimfield in 1849

Date of Application

1849  
Jan 28 Levi Bhip

Elijah Inbell

Copy of certificate

Brimfield Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> 1861

To the Clerk of the First Congregational  
Society of Brimfield,

sin  
This is to inform you  
that you need after this date I shall not  
be a member of the above Society

Yours  
J. W. Browne

A true copy attest

N. G. Hubbard Parish Clerk

Brimfield Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1862

This may certify that I wish no  
longer to be a member of the First Parish or  
Congregational Society of Brimfield.

Samuel Hubbard

A true copy attest

N. G. Hubbard Parish Clerk

J. W. Browne rejoined the  
Society Apr. 10<sup>th</sup> 1862



List of Persons who have withdrawn from  
the first Parish of Brimfield in 1849  
by filing a written certificate to that effect  
Date of Certificate

1849  
April 7 Marcus Hitchcock  
June 7 James Holbrook  
July 30 Owen Griffith  
" " Jeremiah Burt  
Sept 10 Ann Fisk

Brimfield March 10<sup>th</sup> 1851

I hereby certify that I am no longer a member of the  
first Congregational Society of this town, W<sup>m</sup> M. Ward  
A true copy

Attest J<sup>rs</sup> L. Wood  
Clerk

This may certify that I Edishe C. Marsh Admin<sup>r</sup> on estate  
of Calvin Marsh of Brimfield do not request the  
of the first Congregational Society of Brimfield to erase  
the name of Calvin Marsh

Brimfield March 18<sup>th</sup> 1851 E. C. Marsh } Admin<sup>r</sup>  
A true copy

Attest J<sup>rs</sup> L. Wood  
Parish Clerk

*[Faint, mostly illegible text follows, appearing to be additional certificates or notes.]*

A true copy attests  
N. G. Hubbard Parish Clerk

# Subscriptions for repairing the Meeting House

in Springfield in 1838

That the said meeting house be repaired in the following manner to wit

and Springfield according to a plan submitted by

Elias Carter, or in such other manner as the society at a legal

meeting held for that purpose shall adopt, including that

alterations shall be thorough and the repairs made in such

that convenient season for seven meetings (if required)

in the lower part of the House

but the upper room shall be fitted up in modern style for

and used as a place for public worship and held exclusively by

that purpose - meaning also that said <sup>House</sup> shall be a repair

be owned by said Society and that the ships or parsonage

all be leased to public auction annually and the proceeds

thereof applied to the payment of the Parsonage expenses

of the parish or Society, And it is further understood that

said alterations are to be made & completed within one year

in the date of this paper and the subscriptions paid as soon

of said alterations are completed to the acceptance of the

committee on the above terms

Springfield January 1<sup>st</sup> 1838

Names	Subs.	Names	Colls.
John Wiley	500 00	Ebenezer Fairbanks	40 00
L. H. Hitchcock	500 00	Joshua Epham	25 00
Ezra Perry	225 00	Symon Epham	25 00
Samuel H. H. H.	150 00	Eliza H. H.	45 00
Nathan Converse	150 00	Elkanah Spring	30 00
Wm. H. H.	150 00	Eliza B. H.	40 00
A. B. H. H. H.	250 00	John H. Blip	50 00
Oliver Blair	125 00	Wm. Therman	50 00
Lea Blip	125 00	Nathan Hitchcock	50 00
Nathl Parker	50 00	Terin Clark	10 00
Wm. H. H.	50 00	Wm. Fay	25 00
Samuel Parker	40 00	Cheney H. H.	10 00
	\$2315 00		370 00





Subscription for building a meeting  
house in Springfield in the year 1847

That the members of the Congregational Society of Springfield do hereby agree to pay to the Treasurer of the Congregational Society of Springfield the sum of \$1000 in several installments, on condition that said Society shall build a Meetinghouse, a building where the house recently burnt down: to be built somewhat after the model of said house or in such other manner as the building Committee may adapt, meaning that said house shall be built with good materials, a simple and convenient design, and a room for town-meetings (if required) Sabbath school room, and a public lecture hall, and a room or upper room to be finished in modern style as a place for public worship, and used and held for that purpose: meaning also that said house when built, shall be used by said Society, and be subject to the same regulations and facilities as was their former Meetinghouse, and that the slips therein shall be annually sold at public Auction and the proceeds there applied to the payment of the parish expenses; and provided also that the members of said Society shall be bound to contribute to the building of said house until the said house is finished to the acceptance of the building Committee of said Society.

Springfield, Mar. 31<sup>st</sup> 1847.

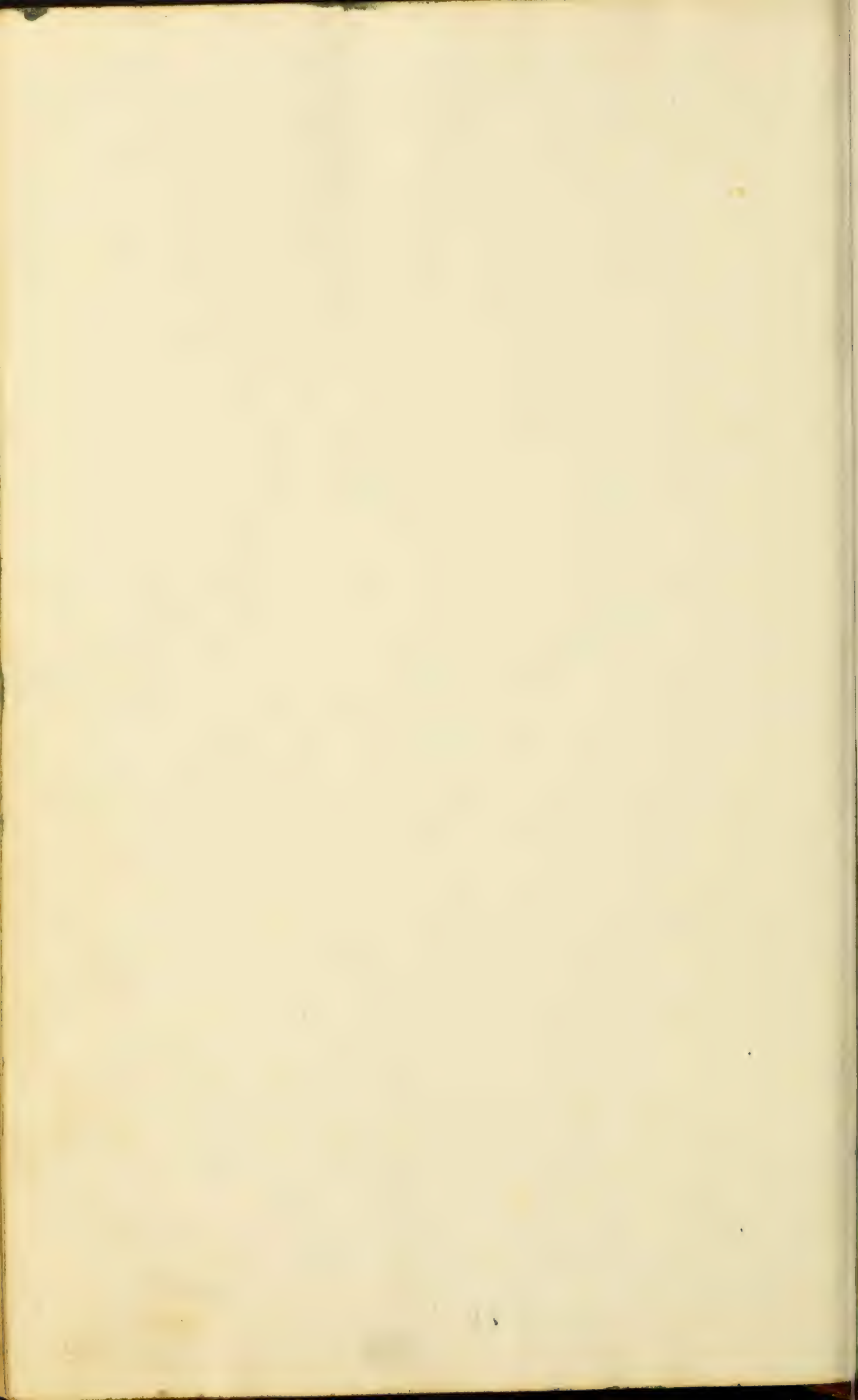
James

James,

Wm. A. C. ...	\$50.00	Wm. A. C. ...	\$50.00
E. ...	175.00	J. Hubbard ...	60.00
...	...	...	25.00
Oliver Blair ...	75.00	J. Hubbard ...	25.00
	<u>475.00</u>		<u>\$1000.00</u>

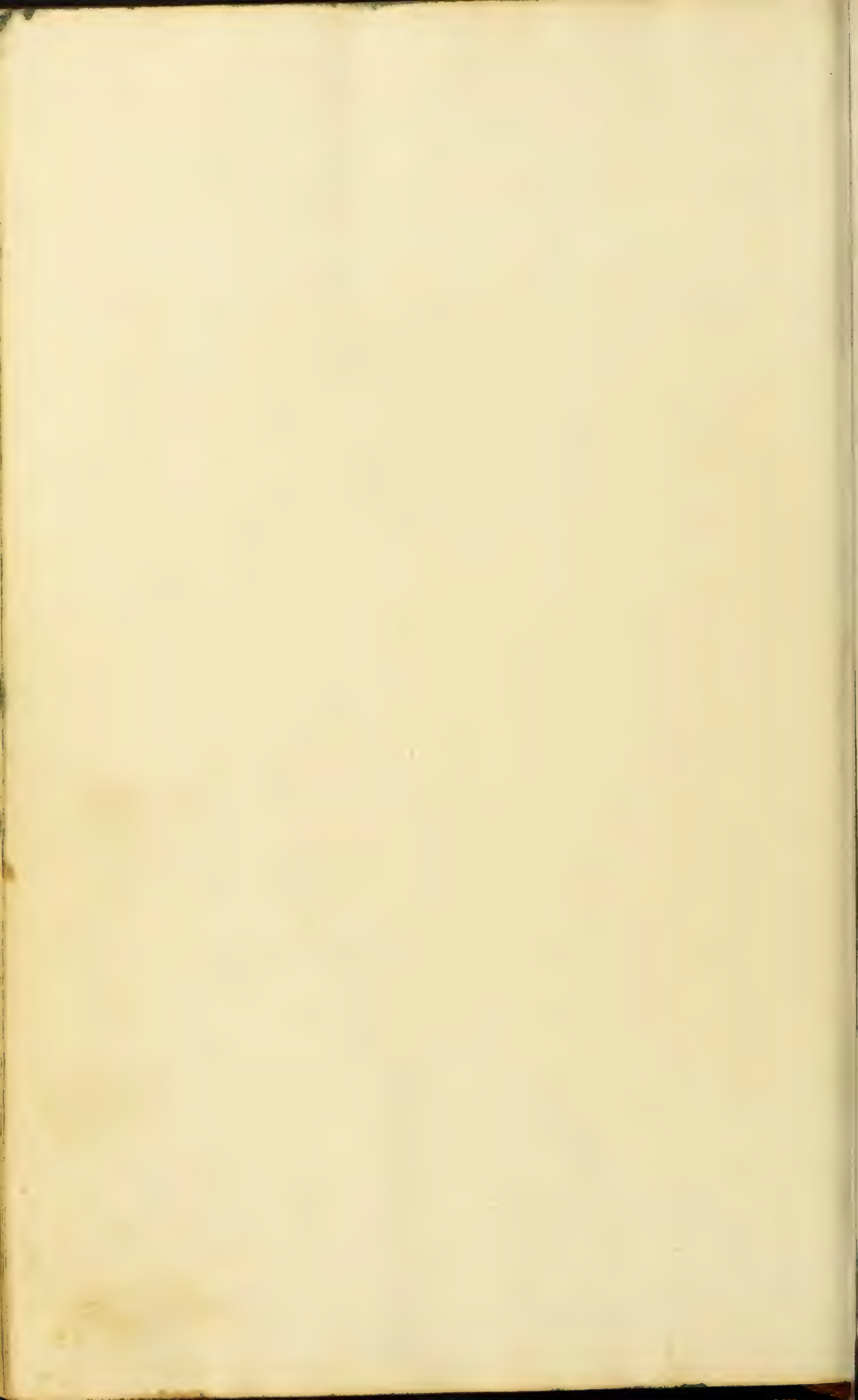
















Know all men by these presents that we, Almond Horner, Oliver Blair, Samuel A. Hitchcock, John M. Warren, Almon James, Moses Tyler, Ebenezer Knight, John Niles, Cyril R. Brown, David Homer Cheney, Isander Wm. M. Ward, Benjamin Sherman Jr. Daniel Parker, Lemuel Sumbald, Linus Homer, & Fitz Henry Warren all of Springfield in the County of Hampden and Commonwealth of Massachusetts in consideration of Seven Thousand, five hundred & forty eight Dollars paid us by the first Congregational Society in Springfield the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, do hereby bargain sell and convey unto the said Society and their successors and assign the following Pews or Ships in the Meeting house situated in said Springfield, belonging to said Society which Pews are owned as follows by the said Grantors viz, The said Almond Horner the Pews numbered No. 1, 5, 9, 14, 19, 20, 23, 28, 33, 35, 41, 50. The said Oliver Blair, the Pews numbered No. 2, 6, 12, 36, 45. The said Samuel A. Hitchcock - the pews No. 3, 43, 51, 52, 62, 67, & the said John M. Warren, the pews numbered No. 4, 16, 31, 37, 52, & the said Almon James the pews numbered No. 7, 44, & the said Moses Tyler the pews numbered No. 8, 16, & the said Ebenezer Knight the pews numbered No. 11, 17, 25, 29, 34, 38, 47, 54, & the said John Niles the pews numbered No. 13, 55, 56, 66, 68, 70, 72, & the said Cyril R. Brown the pews numbered No. 15, 18, 21, 24, 26, 27, 30, 39, 46, 60, 65, & the said David Homer the pews numbered No. 22, & the said Cheney Isander the pews numbered No. 32, 42, 48, 58, 61, 69, 71, & the said Wm. M. Ward the pews numbered No. 49, & the said Benjamin Sherman Jr the pews numbered, 53, and the said Daniel Parker the pews numbered No. 57, & the said Lemuel Sumbald the pews numbered No. 68, & the said Linus Homer, the pews numbered No. 64, & the said Fitz Henry Warren the pews numbered No. 40. and the said Grantors each for himself hereby conveying to said Society the said pews so by each of them owned as aforesaid, to have & to hold the same to the said Society & their successors upon the following trusts & conditions to wit that said Society shall annually rent said pews at auction for the term of one year then next ensuing and & the amount of said rents to be annually applied for the support of the Preaching in said Society and other incidental expenses of said Society it being understood



that in renting said ship, or pew at auction  
 said Society are at liberty to appraise the annual  
 of each of said Pews and to offer at auction the  
 right of choosing said Pews at the appraisal, and that  
 said Society shall also keep said Meeting house constantly  
 insured against fire, and from time to time shall  
 keep the same in good repair as it may need  
 and that said Society shall keep the Pulpit in said  
 Meeting house steadily supplied with an evangelical  
 preacher of the gospel who shall adopt and believe  
 in the system of faith and religious doctrine now  
 held and adopted by the Ministers connected with the  
 Brookfield association to which association the present  
 Minister & Church connected with said Society now  
 belong. And in case that the said Society shall at  
 any time hereafter neglect to comply with any or either  
 of the foregoing conditions, or in all things to perform  
 the foregoing trusts, this Deed shall be void, and all interest  
 in said Pews or Ship, hereby conveyed shall therefore revert  
 back to, and become the property of the Grantors and  
 their Heirs. In testimony whereof the said Grantors  
 have each this twenty eighth day of January in the year of  
 our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty nine set their  
 hands & seal

Witness for ———— A. and H. H. H.

Margus Conners S. A. Hitchcock

Darius Shaw J. M. Warren

Eben Fairbanks } Eben Knight

2 Wm M. Ward

3 Samuel Parker

3 James Homer

3 Fitz Henry Warren

3 Alvin Jones

3 Moses Tyler

3 John Wyle

3 Cheney Solander

3 Benjamin Sherman

3 Daniel Lumbard

3 James Homer

3 Fitz Henry Warren

3 Oliver Blair

3 C. B. Brown

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David Homer

Cheney Solander

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Benjamin Sherman

Samuel Parker

Israel B. Brown

Samuel Lumbard

James Homer

Fitz Henry Warren

Oliver Blair

C. B. Brown

James Homer

Fitz Henry Warren

Oliver Blair

C. B. Brown

Hampden ss January 28<sup>th</sup> 1839

Personally appeared Alfred Homer, Oliver Blair  
Samuel A. Hitchcock, John M. Warren, Alvan James  
Moses Tyler, Ebenezer Knight, John Wylet, Cyril R. Brown  
David Homer, Henry Solander, Wm M. Ward  
Benjamin Sherman, Daniel Parker, Lemuel Lombard  
Linnus Homer, & Fitz Henry Warren and acknowledged  
the foregoing Deed by them subscribed to be their free  
act and Deed before me

Asa Lincoln Justice of the Peace

Hampden ss Springfield Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> 1839  
Rec'd & Reg'd Lib 110 Fol 115 & examined by  
William Rice Reg.

A true copy of the Deed of Alfred Homer & others  
to the Congregational Society in Springfield, also  
the acknowledgment & Registry.

Attest

Henry F. Brown  
Notary Public



Whereas the First Congregational Society in Brimfield in  
the County of Hampshire & Commonwealth of Massachusetts pursuant  
to the provisions of the twentieth Chapter of the revised Statutes  
did determine to alter and repair their Meeting House situated  
in said Brimfield, & for that purpose in pursuance  
of the provision of said Statute did take down the pews  
therein having first duly apprised the same accord-  
ing to law, and did also direct that the new pews  
erected in said house should be sold at auction  
by the treasurer of said Society according to the provisions  
of said Statute. Now be it known to all persons to  
whom these presents shall come that I Thomas Hubbard Jr. of  
said Brimfield - Treasurer of said First Congregational  
Society, having, posted up a notification upon the  
principal outer door of said Meeting house at least  
three weeks before the ninth day of January current that  
all the new pews erected in said Meeting house should be sold  
at public auction at one o'clock in the afternoon of said day  
viz. on said ninth day of January current viz. at public  
auction to William M. Ward he being the highest bidder  
therefor, the following sum of money to wit for  
One Thousand and Ten dollars and in consideration for  
said sum to me paid by said Ward I the said  
Thomas Hubbard Jr. as Treasurer at aforesaid hereby  
acknowledging the receipt thereof hereby conveying and transferring  
to the said Ward the aforesaid Sum. To have and to  
hold the same to the said Ward his heirs, Executors,  
Administrators and Assigns to them & their use &  
behoof forever. In testimony whereof I the said Thomas Hubbard  
Jr. as Treasurer at aforesaid have hereunto set my my hand  
& seal this twentieth day of January in the year of our Lord  
One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Nine —

In presence of  
Dennis Shaw  
Ebenzer Fairbank

Thomas Hubbard Jr.

Hampden ss January 28 1839.

Personally appeared. Thomas Hubbard Jr. witness-  
named & acknowledged this instrument by him subscribed  
to be his free act & deed before me.

Charles Knight - Justice of the Peace

[illegible]







... named the first Congregational Society in Brimfield  
in the County of Hampshire & Commonwealth of Mass-  
achusetts Pursuant to the provisions of the twentieth  
chapter of the revised Statutes did determine to alter  
& repair their Meeting House situated in said Brim-  
field and for that purpose in pursuance of the  
provisions of said Statutes did take down the pews  
therein having first duly apprised the same accord-  
ing to law and did also direct that the new pews erect-  
ed in said House should be sold at auction by the  
treasurers of said Society according to the requirements  
of said Statute Now be it known to all persons to  
whom presents shall come, that I Thomas Hubbard  
Sr. of said Brimfield as Treasurer of said First Congre-  
gational Society having posted up on the principal  
outer door of said Meeting House a notification that all  
the new pews erected in said Meeting House would be  
sold at public auction at one o'clock in the afternoon  
of said day - said notification having been posted up  
at least three weeks previous to said day of sale and  
on said ninth day of January Current sell at public  
auction to Ernest Solander Jr. being the highest bidder there-  
for the following pews, for the sums hereafter named -

Pew Number thirty two for Seventy Dollars. Pew Num-  
bered forty two for Eighty Dollars. Pew Numbered forty  
Eight for Forty Eight Dollars for One Thousand & One  
Dollars. Pew Numbered fifty Eight for Two Thousand and  
Five Dollars. Pew Numbered fifty one for One Thousand Dollars  
Pew Numbered fifty nine for fifty five Dollars. Pew Numbered  
Sixty one for thirty Dollars. And for the consideration of  
said several sums to me paid by said Solander & the said  
Thomas Hubbard Sr. as Treasurer as afore said here by ackn-  
-nowledging the receipt thereof by convey & transfer to the  
said Solander his heirs Executors Administrators & assigns  
to them & their use & behoof forever. In testimony whereof I the  
said Thomas Hubbard Sr. as Treasurer as afore said having hereunto  
set my hand & seal this twenty Eighth day of January in the Year of our  
Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred & thirty Nine

In presence of  
Darius Shaw  
Ebenezer Fairbank

Thomas Hubbard Sr.  
Hampden 28 January 1839

Personally appeared - Thomas Hubbard Sr. above named. &  
acknowledged this instrument by him subscribed to be his pro-  
per act & deed before me Ebenezer Knight Justice of the Peace







Whereas the First Congregational in Brimfield in the  
County of Hampden and Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
pursuant to the provisions of Twentieth Chapter of the  
revised Statutes did determine to alter & repair their Meeting  
House situated in said Brimfield and for that pur-  
pose in pursuance of the provisions of said Statute did  
take down the pews therein having first duly assem-  
bled the same according to Law and did also direct that  
the new pews erected in said House should be sold  
at auction by the Members of said Society according to  
the requirements of said Statute & Now be it known to  
all persons to whom these presents shall come that  
I Thomas Hubbard Jr. of said Brimfield Treasurer  
of said First Congregational Society having spread  
up a notification upon the principal water door of  
said Meeting House at least three weeks before the  
ninth day of January current that all the new pews  
erected in said Meeting House should be sold at  
public auction at one o'clock in the afternoon of said  
day and on said ninth day of January current did  
at public auction to Robert B. Jackson he being  
the highest bidder the following pews for  
the several sums named. (viz. New Numbered four  
for one hundred and five Dollars. New Numbered sixteen  
for one hundred and five Dollars. New Numbered thirty  
seven for one hundred and twenty five Dollars. New  
Numbered fifty two for one hundred & ten Dollars. New  
Numbered one for seventy Dollars. And for the  
consideration of said several pews to me paid by said  
Warren the said Thomas Hubbard Jr. as Treasurer as  
a receipt hereby acknowledging the receipt thereof having  
conveyed transfer to the said Warren the afore said pews  
I have and to hold the same to the said Warren his heirs  
executors, Administrators and Assigns to them and their  
heirs and assigns forever In testimony whereof I the said  
Thomas Hubbard Jr. as Treasurer at upon said pews  
himself set my hand and seal this twentieth eighth day of  
January in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight  
hundred and Fifty Nine.

In presence of  
Darius Shaw  
Charles Chickering

Thomas Hubbard Jr.







Witness the first Congregational Society in Brim-  
field in the County of Hampshire & Commonwealth of Mass-  
achusetts the Pastors and the members of the twentieth Chapter of  
the said Statute did determine to sell & alien this Meeting  
House situated in said Brimfield and for that purpose in  
pursuance of the provisions of said Statute did take down the  
laws therein having first duly approved the same according  
to Law and did also direct that the New Pews erected in  
said House should be sold at Auction by the Treasurer of said  
Society according to the requirements of the said Statute. Now be it  
known to all to whom these presents shall come that I Thomas  
Hubbard Jr. of said Brimfield Treasurer of said First  
Congregational Society having posted up a notification  
on the principal outer door of said Meeting House at least  
three weeks before the tenth day of January current that  
all the new pews erected in said Meeting House would be  
sold at public auction at one o'clock in the afternoon of said  
day did on said tenth day of January current sell at  
public auction to Samuel Sombard in being the highest bidder  
therefor New numbered thirty three for seventy Dollars, and  
for the continuation of said term to me paid by said  
Sombard I Thomas Hubbard Jr. as Treasurer as aforesaid  
truly acknowledging the receipt thereof and by convey  
and transfer to the said Sombard the aforesaid pews

We have & do hold the same to the said Sombard his  
heirs, Executors, Administrators & assigns to them & their heirs  
and behoof forever — In testimony whereof I the said Thomas  
Hubbard Jr. as Treasurer as aforesaid have hereunto set  
my hand and seal this twenty eighth day of January in the  
Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty  
nine

In presence of  
Darius Hawk  
Ebenezer Fairbanks

Thomas Hubbard Jr.

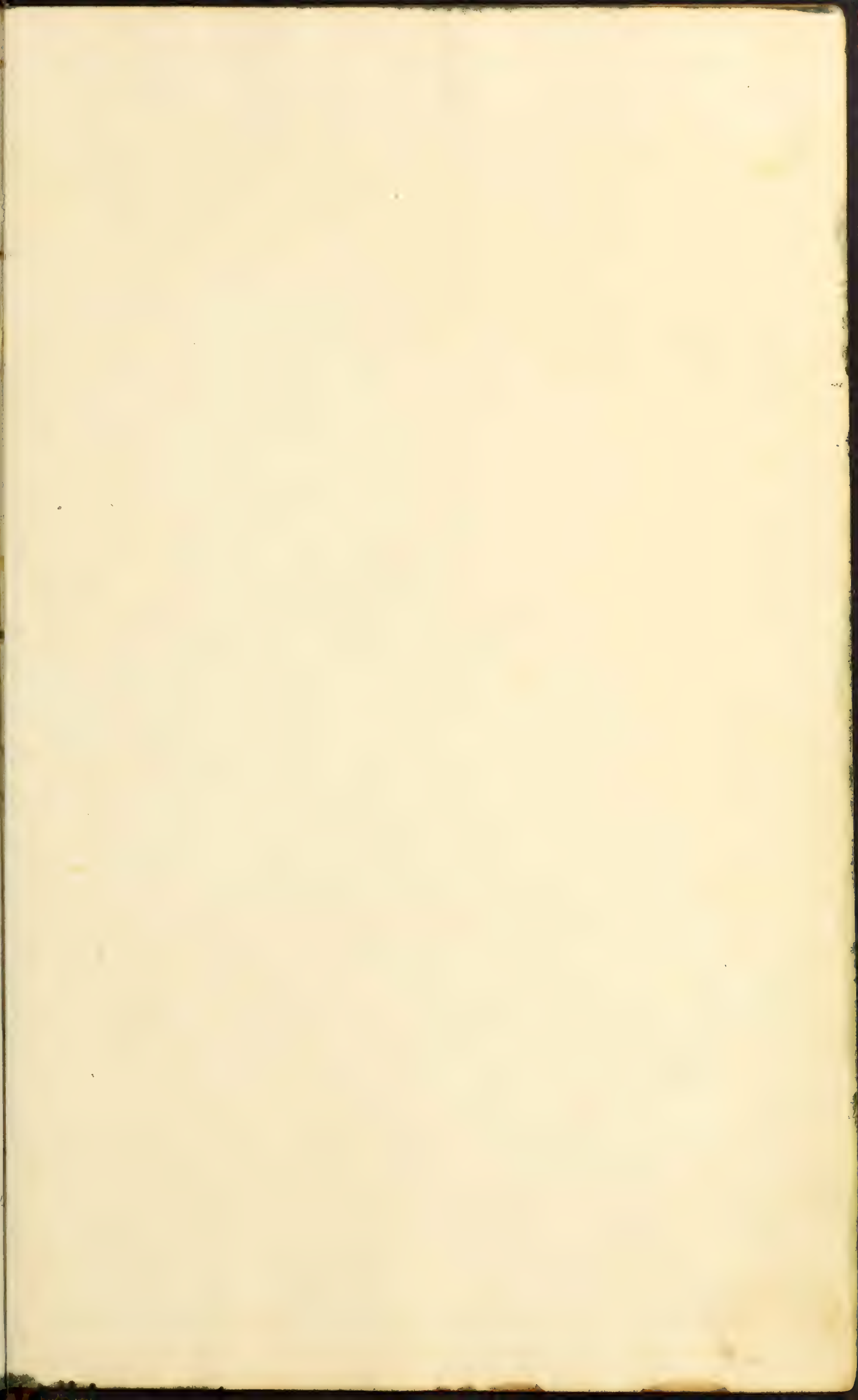
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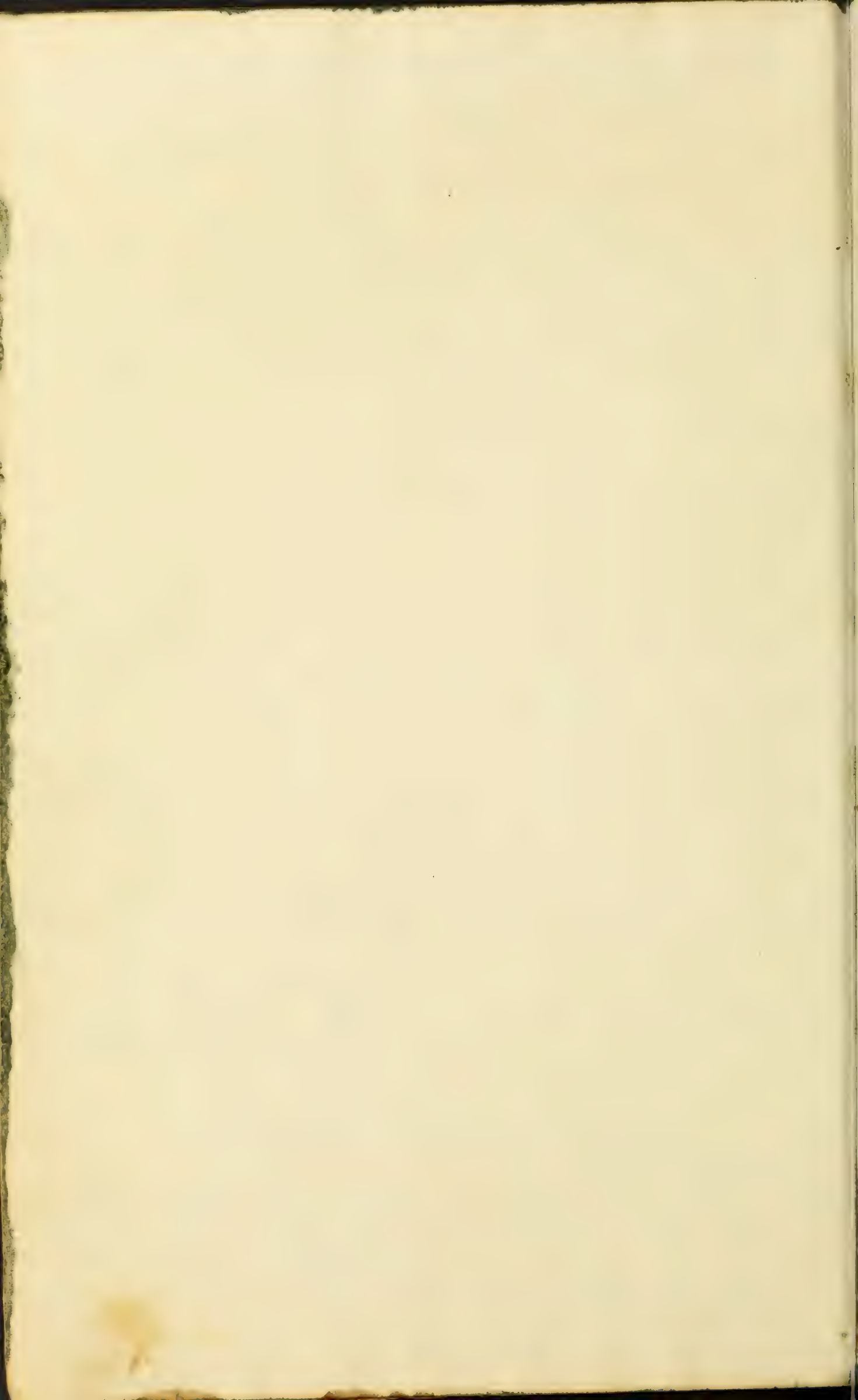
Personally appeared

Thomas Hubbard Jr. above named and acknowledged  
this instrument by him subscribed to be his free  
act and deed before me

Ebenezer Knight Justice of the Peace







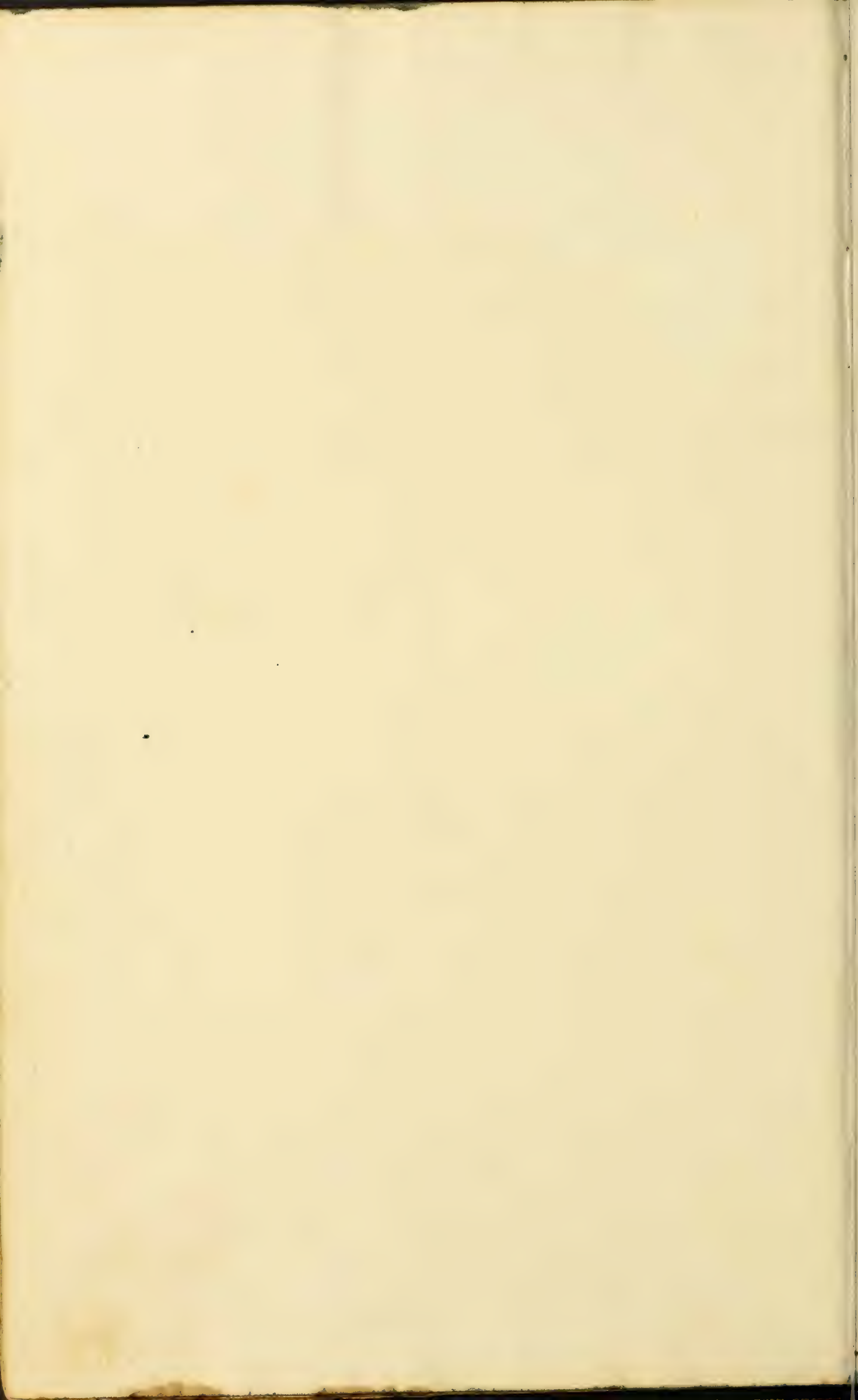




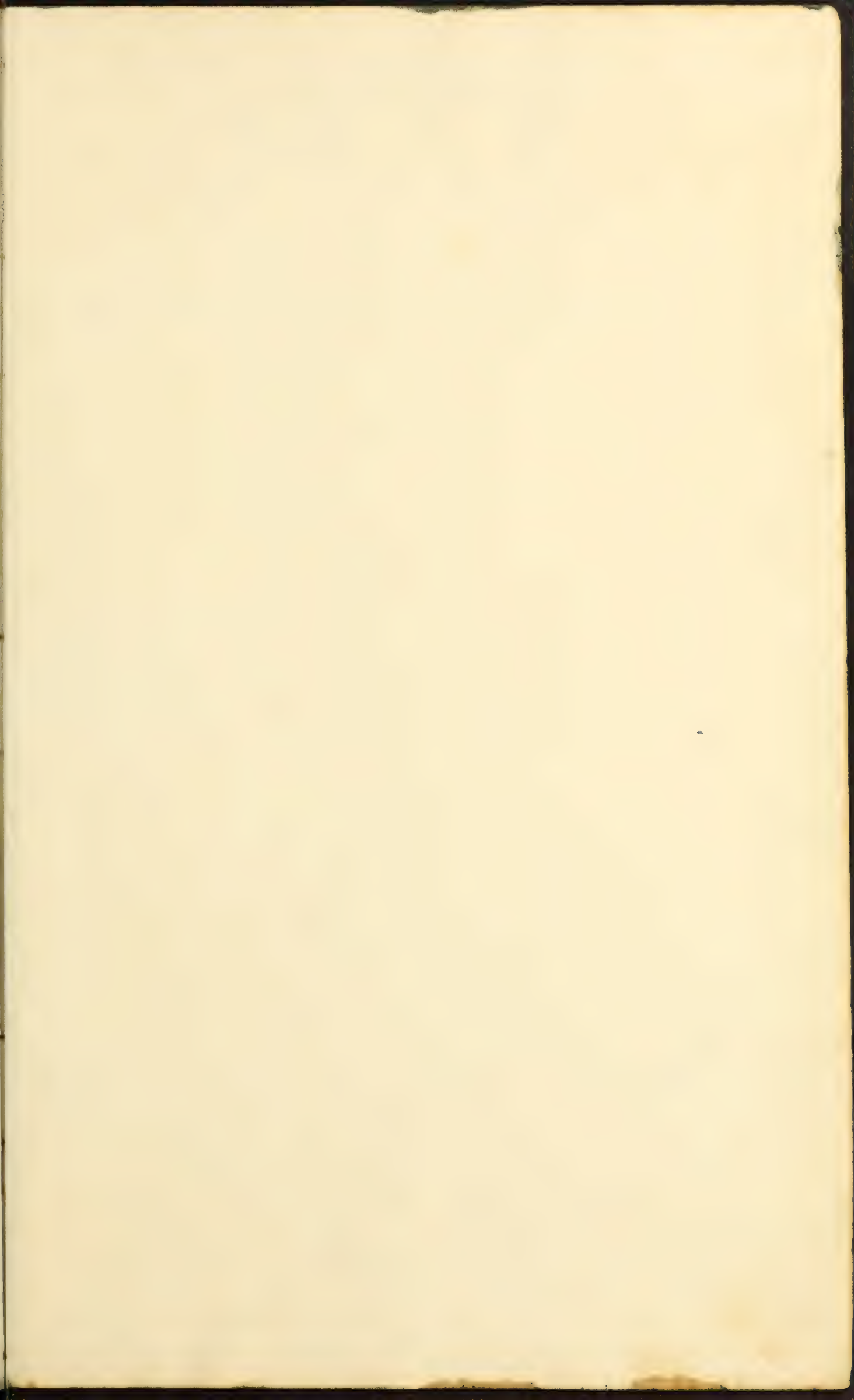
















August 30 1837

To the Clerk of the first Congregational Society  
of Springfield the following Persons having  
sent their names to us (the Prudential  
committee of said Society desiring to be  
come members of the above Society we have  
received them as such and send their names  
to you to be recorded

Jerome Burt  
Eli Barrows Charles A Barrows Morris How  
Jonathan Commons Francis Harrington  
Ephraim D Greely Washington Hayes  
Charles A Lyman Asa McKnight Mary J  
Powers Abraham Rantan Nathan L Robinson  
Elias Smith Alvin Smith Elias W Parbill  
Fitz Henry Warren Augustus Wheeler George W Upham  
Asa Sherman

Abner Hitchcock } Prudential  
James Brown } Committee  
Solomon Homer } of said Society

the above is a true record from the Prudential  
Committee August 30 1837

Attest Levi Bliss Parish Clerk











